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## Drug, alcohol incidents rise

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Thirty-three GCSU students have been sent to the student judicial board for drug-related charges from Jan. 1 to Nov. 21, an increase from the two cases seen in 2009.

Twenty-six of the drug cases concerned on-campus residence facilities, either rooms in residence halls or apartments at The Village. Both of the 2009 cases also came from the same area.

“If we are notified that drugs are being used we call Public Safety and they come do their stuff, and that case goes to student judicial,” said Housing Area Coordinator Jessica Rehling. “We have seen no drugs other than marijuana this year.”

According to Rehling, the rates of drugs on GCSU’s campus are much lower compared to other schools.

Director of Public Safety Dave Groseclose said most of the cases dealt with marijuana and were usually results of other circumstances.

“Very few of (the charges) are specifically related to drugs-related calls; a significant number of drug-related charges are a result of something else, usually alcohol,” Groseclose said. “I feel like the number of drugs are up because the alcohol numbers are up.”

Similar to the drug-related referrals, the number of liquor law violations to the student judicial board increased over 1000 percent from two referrals in 2009 to 36 this year.

“I am way more concerned about the use of alcohol; We are very well aware of the fact students are going to drink regardless of their age; what we’re concerned about is the way and the amount they drink,” Groseclose said. “I would say every officer here would agree that they see more highly intoxicated people than we use to.”

According to Groseclose, there has been an increase in the amount of alcohol that students drink before going downtown or out to socialize. Urbanictionary.com

defines having drinks before an event as pre-gaming.

“I do want to drink a decent amount before going downtown so I spend less money, that’s a given, but it’s more than that,” said junior business major Cain Cantrell. “It’s a period of time to sit back and relax, play some beer pong with friends and simply communicate with them to see how everyone’s day or week is going, and to just have some plain old fashioned fun with a group of friends that I know and love.”

When students are caught drinking by Public Safety, the department tries to abide by their motto of “protect, serve, educate.”

“If you’re caught by the Milledgeville Police Department, you’re probably going to jail...because they don’t care about the educational aspect. Instead of getting a record we try to put you in student judicial,” Groseclose said. “We’re trying to do an educational component; we like to think that’s part of our mission.”

University Housing follows a similar structure for residents caught with alcohol.

“Anyone who was in a room with alcohol or had alcohol goes through our conduct system; if it’s a first time offense it goes through our hall directors,” Rehling said. “It’s an educational process. We try really hard to help them learn from it.”

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**On-campus alcohol and drug violations increase in 2010**

### Drug Violations

2008: 13 violations  
2009: 2 violations  
2010: 33 violations

### Liquor Law Violations

2008: 17 violations  
2009: 2 violations  
2010: 36 violations

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## Student survey rates drop

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Plummeting participation in the Student Opinion of Teaching surveys over the past three semesters has raised concerns among faculty. The surveys, which serve as a primary evaluation method for professors and their teaching models, have suffered an approximate 40 percent drop in participation since their transition online in Spring 2009.

These surveys directly impact the classrooms of the university. Faculty use the feedback to improve their courses and shape their syllabi. In addition, the surveys are used in the consideration of determining the promotion and tenure of faculty.

However, the low participation has left the information gathered from student surveys statistically irrelevant, and the surveys are currently not considered a good and reasonable measurement for evaluating faculty.

Chair of the English, Speech, and Journalism Department Dr. Elaine Whitaker is one of many concerned about students opting out of the surveys.

“We would love to have 100 percent but we definitely need a significant response rate,” Whitaker said. “When response rates drop really low, you get the tails. You get the people who adore the instructional delivery and you get the people who hate the instructional delivery. We need to hear from everybody.”

Before Spring 2009 surveys were printed and professors stopped class for distributed surveys to be completed securing a participation rate of 78 to 82 percent. The transition from paper to online versions stemmed from the need to reduce costs, the impact on staff productivity and increase reliability since there was no guarantee that protocols were delivered consistently.

The online version addresses many of the weaknesses of the paper version; it allows students more flexibility and time to complete the survey and allows students who are taking hybrid or online delivery classes that do not meet regularly to give feedback.

The online survey, however, has been met with difficulties of its own with the biggest problem being student complacency on taking surveys on their own and out of class. Over the past three semesters the participation rate among students asked to take the surveys have ranged from 33 to 60 percent.

According to Provost Dr. Sandra Jordan, the dip isn’t unusual.

“The online Student Opinion of Teaching surveys have improved the process, but student participation has decreased,” Jordan said. “Almost all institutions who migrated to online surveys experience a temporary drop in participation that climbs steadily upward over time. We need to do more to encourage students to complete the survey.”

SGA recognizes the value of feedback gained from the student surveys and is attempting to combat the participation rates through word-of-mouth encouragement.

“The thing about the student opinion surveys is that you have to want to take it; otherwise your opinion won’t be your opinion.”

## New masters approved for Spring

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GCSU will add three new graduate programs in the next few semesters. The programs being added are a Master of Education degree in Literacy and Language, a Master of Art Therapy and a Doctor of Nursing Practice.

### The proposed programs

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program is proposed to begin accepting admissions in May 2012 or as soon as possible upon approval of the Board of Regents. The DNP program is considered the terminal degree for nurses who work in clinical practice according to Dr. Sandra Jordan, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at GCSU.

“The courses and clinical experiences focus on expanding the knowledge base of advanced practice nurses, improving the outcomes of nursing care and providing nurses with an additional skill set to sit at (the) decision-making table,” Jordan said. “Students in

this program will have opportunities to work with residents in rural areas and with populations with unmet health care needs.”

The M.A. degree in Art Therapy is proposed to begin during the Fall 2012 semester and will offer individuals with artistic educational backgrounds the chance to engage in graduate work designed to prepare them as nationally registered and state licensed art therapists qualified to work with people with special physical, behavioral or developmental needs, using art as a therapeutic medium.

According to Jordan, this degree would be offered collaboratively by the College of Health Sciences as well as the College of Arts & Sciences. The proposal for the program was put forward after an in-depth needs assessment at the national level was completed. The degree would be the only one offered in Georgia and one of only two offered at public institutions in the Southeast.

“There is a demonstrated need for this degree program in Georgia and throughout the southeast,” Jordan said. “The long standing success of both the music therapy and arts programs at GCSU will certainly attract stu-

dents interested in pursuing this highly specialized degree.”

According to the proposal, the M.Ed program in Literacy and Language, that will begin in Fall 2012 “focuses on literacy and language development and specialized training in reading and writing, which are critical needs in high poverty and low-achieving school districts.”

“This is reflective of a significant demographic of our service area, and the demand for educators with specific knowledge in reading, literacy and language is high,” Jordan said.

### The costs of the programs

For the DNP, current resources within the School of Nursing will cover the costs of the program. Some current nursing master’s courses will be deactivated pending the Board of Regents approval of the proposal.

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## Den opens to students after phase one of renovations

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After seven months of Den renovations for phase one, the doors were finally reopened Nov. 10. To celebrate, there was a ribbon cutting and a grand opening celebration Dec. 1.

The new operating hours for the Den are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to midnight, and Saturday through Sunday noon to 10 p.m. There are talks of the Den staying open extra hours during finals week, but

nothing has been confirmed as of now.

“A special ribbon cutting took place Dec. 1, 2010 at 6 p.m. The guest list included administrators, student leaders and workers that made the renovation possible,” said Billy Grace, graduate assistant for Campus Life. “Following the ribbon cutting, the grand opening celebration continued and was open to all Georgia College students.”

There have been many new additions to the Den, however students can still enjoy some of the things

that were available before the renovations like the popular massage chairs.

“The Den renovation includes a state-of-the-art Mac Bar, eight (high definition) screens with (high definition) programming, surround sound, new ping pong, pool and air hockey tables,” Grace said. “A refreshed ambience boasts new modern colors, plush furnishings and group seating areas. Every student’s favorite area, the Gaming Cafe, has received new equipment, including a PlayStation 3 hooked up to a

52-inch plasma and many new gaming titles.”

Students, including junior education majors Kaley Boyles, share their opinions on the new Den.

“The new colors and the furniture make the Den a great place to hang out. It’s loud so it’s not a great place to study but it’s a great place to get away from school work,” Boyles said.

Since the opening on Nov. 10, the Den has been packed with students using the area.

“We are pleased with the traffic that we have

been experiencing,” said SGA President Zach Mullins. “The honors students have already utilized the area for a small get-together. While the Den is not available to be reserved by any RSO, it is open for use by any student.”

Tori Quante, sophomore creative writing major, feels the renovated Den has a lot to offer.

“I think that since they remodeled the Den there has been a lot more traffic through there,” Quante said.



CARA DAVIS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
SGA senators Robert Aycock, left, and Sean Espinosa play pool in the newly renovated Den. In addition to pool tables, the Den has added ping pong and air hockey tables as well.

### NEWS FLASH

#### Spreading Christmas Cheer

GCSU’s Max Noah Singers will be visiting Washington D.C. from Dec. 10 to 14. The singers will be serenading four churches, a retirement home and two high schools during their trip to and from the nations capital. Upon their return they will bring their “American Songs of Christmas” tour to First Presbyterian Church in Milledgeville on Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

### QUOTABLE

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- Patrick Gamble, Thunder Crew president

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The number of keys in the Public Safety lost and found. Students can turn in all found items into and check for lost items at Public Safety at the corner of Montgomery and Wayne streets.



# Flashback

A look back into GCSU history



GCSU LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS  
Archery was a popular recreation activity at Georgia State College for Women in 1941. Recreation fields for archery, tennis, and basketball were placed where the present-day Arts & Sciences Building is located.

# Tailgating continues second season growth

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During its second season on campus, tailgating before home games has become more popular among GCSU students despite a slow start last season.

Following approval in January of this year, students were able to tailgate in the Centennial Center parking lot prior to home games. The first tailgate on Jan. 29 had only 40 people show up to show their Bobcat pride.

“At our first tailgate last year...no one was out there, but now it’s getting to where it’s in the hundreds,” said Patrick Gamble, president of Thunder Crew. “People are really starting to accept it more and it’s getting bigger and bigger each time.”

The increase in attendance has not led to any more problems according to SGA President Zach Mullins.

“The first two tailgating we had for this season...both of those in my opinion went

exceedingly well,” Mullins said. “It was calm, collected and everyone had a good time.”

Due to the growth, the first row of the parking lot next to the Centennial Center is barricaded to save space for tailgating. However with the growth, SGA and Thunder Crew are considering a new location.

“The biggest change (from last season) is we sort of reworked and continue to rework...what is the most suitable spot for the main tailgating activities,” Mullins said.

Along with considering new locations for tailgating activities, SGA and Thunder Crew are also working with Vice President for Student Affairs Bruce Harshbarger to get next semester’s events planned. Harshbarger only approved tailgating at events through this semester as a trial run.

If next semester’s tailgating events are approved, Thunder Crew has big plans.

“There will be some big plans,” Gamble said. “These are not tailgates. This is child’s play compared to what we’re going to plan.”

Thanks to a \$5,000 sponsorship from Kia Motors, Thunder Crew will be hosting an all-day tailgate for the Augusta State basketball game Feb. 10. Thunder Crew plans to have a big name band playing along with passing out Kia Motors handouts.

According to Gamble, Thunder Crew will be working to plan a larger tailgate for Homecoming.

“Homecoming this year is going to be 20 times the amount it was last year as far as tailgating goes,” Gamble said.

Director of Athletics Wendell Staton thinks the success will continue in the future.

“I think this year’s been a great success; I give great credit to SGA and Thunder Crew and all the hard work they’ve done,” Staton said. “I think it will only continue to improve.”

# Priority registration open to select student groups

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The current policy regarding priority registration states the only groups on campus that will receive priority registration are student athletes and students with disabilities that are based on an individual need and is written into the accommodation plan from the very beginning. This policy was established in 2007 by the Student Affairs Committee and verified by Presiding Officer Craig Turner and President Dorothy Leland.

The policy motion text states “In order to be considered, student groups must participate in a university sanctioned activity that significantly benefits the university and must demonstrate that priority registration is necessary for the students to successfully participate in the activity and achieve their academic goals. In addition, individual students with special needs will receive priority registration providing that it is specified in their recommendation for accommodations.”

“The rumor that Thunder gets priority registration is not true. Priority registration is based foremost on need. A student group must prove that they have a need, are beneficial to the school, and without priority registration could not both participate in the activity and succeed academically,” said Registrar Kay Anderson.

Freshman pre-nursing major Madeline Kearns is a member of the Sassy Cats, one group that receives priority registration.

“It allows me to create the perfect schedule, so I am less stressed out because I have enough time to focus on my schoolwork and enough time to dedicate to Sassy Cats,” Kearns said.

The policy was created in 2007 due to issues with too many people having the amenity.

“Before the policy was established in 2007, a lot of groups had priority registration including honors students, student ambassadors, Student Government Association and athletes,” Anderson said. “In many cases the reasons groups had it was because of perceived honor, merit, or privilege. The policy was created to make it (registration) equal to all.”

The current policy allows for organiza-

tions to apply each Fall to be considered for priority. Every Fall around 10 to 15 groups apply, but since the policy was established only athletes as a group have been seen as having a need for priority registration. The applications for consideration are reviewed by a registration task force consisting of faculty, staff and students on campus.

“I endorsed an unsuccessful petition to restore priority registration for honors students earlier this semester. I understood why the petition was unsuccessful but was still disappointed because lack of priority registration prevents our students from building their schedules around honors classes,” said Honors & Scholars Program Director Steven Elliott-Gower. “Priority registration would also enhance our ability to recruit high academic performing students to campus.”

The applications for consideration are reviewed by a registration task force consisting of faculty, staff and students from around campus.

Student opinions also vary on the criteria they feel should be used to establish priority.

“I think athletes should get it if their sports schedule conflicts with their school schedule, but if they don’t conflict such as if they only have things on the weekend then that is just privilege,” said freshman pre-nursing major Emily Trudeau. “It’s not fair that honors students who can devote all of their time to school don’t get the perfect schedule, but athletes who can only devote half their time do.”

## Priority Status

-2007: new priority registration status policy established

-Groups who receive priority registration status:  
-Student athletes  
-Students with disabilities

-Groups can apply for priority status

-Since the policy was established, no additional groups have received priority registration status

-One group that no longer receives priority registration is the Honors & Scholars Program

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Finals over, students pack up and lock their residence hall room, apartment or house hoping to return with everything they left behind present and in order.

Last year, residences located throughout Milledgeville experienced home invasion and robbery over the fall and winter breaks.

One victim of the invasions and robberies is fourth-year nursing major Kristine Barton.

“Before we knew our house was broken into, I asked a friend of mine to check on the house because I knew that break-ins had been happening around our part of town,” Barton said. “After she checked, she called back with a regretful confirmation.”

As the semester winds down, students should take precautions to guard against possible invasions and robberies.

Most cases of home or car invasion are a matter of student neglect to properly protect their property.

“If a break-in were to occur, the most common are those in which the opportunity presents itself, unsecured properties (car and residence), but then technically that wouldn’t be considered

a ‘break-in,’” said Detective Michael Baker of the GCSU Public Safety Criminal Investigation Division.

Common mistakes include unsecured doors and windows, advertising valuables at locations such as in the front seat of a car or leaving pricey item boxes on the curb, inadequate lighting, broadcasting travel plans on Facebook or not having someone to look over property while away.

In these instances students naively target themselves as victims.

Suggestions to better protect residences on the basic level are to diligently check the durability of locks and be mindful to use locks on every door and window in residences or vehicles; store high priced items away from windows and doors where they are not easily seen and keep lighting around cars and residence lit during the duration of absence.

Also, schedules of when and where you travel should not be disclosed online and if possible, ask a friend to regularly check on property.

Another precaution is recording valuable items in a log.

“Keep a log of your valuables to include the make, model and most importantly the serial number,” Baker said. “Or let us keep the log for you.”

Students can find the log

on Public Safety’s website.

Although students need to actively participate in protecting their property, Public Safety and Milledgeville Police Department are available.

“We continuously patrol as we do any time of the year,” Baker said. “However, with less people around campus there is more concentration of protection of property.”

In Barton’s case, the MPD handled the investigation. Only a few of the stolen items were returned to Barton and her roommates, and thankfully the thieves were caught.

Nevertheless, Barton still feels anxiety from the situation.

“I still feel a sense of uneasiness when I get home first from a long weekend or even just sleeping in my bed because they broke into my window the first time,” Barton said.

Barton suggests asking the MPD to fill out a free home safety inspection form and use their services such as having police check around your home twice a day.

“Take everything worth something to you, whether it is material or sentimental, home with you,” Barton said. “It’s work lugging everything to your car. Knowing that there’s nothing to steal eases my mind.”

## Alcohol

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According to Groseclose, Public Safety has a 10:1 ratio of students going to the student judicial board instead of jail. For students who are repeat offenders, Public Safety will be “the bad cop” and forgo the student judicial board option.

In an effort to curb the amount of drinking, Public Safety holds informational ses-

sion about the dangers and effects of alcohol. The department also hosted Alcohol Awareness week this past October. Public Safety wants students to be informed about drinking and be responsible for themselves and those they’re with.

“I know every now and then you’ve got to cut loose and have fun, but I would encourage students to seek out programs to do other than drinking,” Groseclose said. “I’d like to think... students will look out for each other, but unfortunately it almost seems like a game. Like ‘let’s see how drunk we can get him.’”

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# Going green a growing trend on campus

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When going through Doug Oetter’s waste output, there would be an over-abundance of plastic packaging material. Everything else is reused. He admits to putting his trash bins out every other week, simply “to show people he’s still alive.”

“If you recycle, you just don’t generate that much,” said Oetter, the Environmental Science Club advisor.

Oetter is just displaying one of America’s newest trends—recycling.

Americans are recycling more and more each year. In 2008, the United States recycled approximately 33 percent of its waste. These statistics are up from the 16 percent recycled in 1990 and the 10 percent recycled in 1980, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

And this movement is not solely confined to households or corporations. Colleges across Georgia have been following this trend creating recycling programs for their campuses. Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Georgia, Savannah College of Art and Design, Emory University and Georgia Southern University are some of the schools that have



SOURCE: EPA.GOV

initiated a program within the past 5 years.

At GCSU, the first ever campus-wide recycling program, which began in September, is in full swing allowing students to recycle plastic bottles, aluminum cans, mixed paper and newspaper.

“The recycling program here on campus is being well received and well used by students all across campus,” said Jeff Brittain, Environmental Science Club President and SGA recycling coordinator. “Next semester we will have the residence halls on board and be one step closer to making Georgia College the greenest campus in the state.”

### Why recycle?

There’s a reason for the recycle craze.

“It’s mostly concern for the future,” Oetter said. “As if you were a grandparent and you cared about how your children grew up and you want your children and grandchildren to have a good life. And I don’t have grandchildren but I could see, not wanting my grandchildren to hate me because we wasted so much petroleum, when petroleum is such a wonderful thing, and we’re just pouring it into the atmosphere.”

But it’s not just petroleum we have to worry about.

Landfills are filling up rapidly with Americans dispos-

ing of about 250 million tons of trash in 2008, according to the EPA.

“You’re not going to demonstrate savings based on how much money you sell the plastic for or newspaper for, it’s about how much less you pay for garbage disposal,” Oetter said.

Landfills are not just harmless piles of trash. They produce methane, a gas 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide. In addition, waste incineration produces carbon dioxide, greenhouse gases are emitted in transporting the waste and fossil fuels are required for extracting and processing the waste, says the EPA.

One item that ends up in landfills—taking as many as 1,000 years to decompose—is plastic bags. One recycled aluminum can is able to power a television set for three hours. In addition, recycling one of these cans saves 95 percent of the energy it took to make that can in the first place.

### The corporate push

Recycling is more than putting bottles into bins. Companies like Coca-Cola and Patagonia are front runners in putting recycling on the fashion stage.

In 2005, Patagonia started its Common Threads Recy-

cling Program, which allows customers to return their old clothing so the company can reuse the material to make new items.

In 2007, Coca-Cola began Drink2Wear, a clothing line made from a combination of recycled plastic bottles and cotton. In 2008 due to increasing sales, the company expanded Drink2Wear to include loungewear, caps and totes. They have profited over \$15 million in sales and have recycled over 5 million bottles since the program’s inception.

Coca-Cola is sitting atop the green charts in aspects other than clothing. In 2009, Coca-Cola was one of 10 recipients for Natural Heath Magazine’s “Green Choice” award. The company strives to be zero waste, meaning every product they create is recyclable and they invest in programs to help this goal become a reality.

“There is currently no universal recovery model for beverage packaging materials, so we work in partnership with local communities around the world to help develop economically and environmentally effective solutions tailored to meet their specific needs,” according to Coca-Cola’s website.

The company also began the program RecycleMania, a competition between col-

lege and university campuses across the United States.

“We joined RecycleMania the last two years and we want to see some improvement by then,” Oetter said. “I get tired of looking at the rankings and seeing Berry and Agnes Scott kicking our ass.”

In addition to recycled clothing, a much newer product on the market to promote sustainability is PILOT’s line BegreeN. The line features the B2P: From Bottle to Pen gel ink pen which is made from 89 percent recycled materials. One plastic bottle can produce two of these pens. The line is currently in its trial stages; it has so far only been released on some college campuses with hopes to go national if the trial phase is successful.

### Local efforts

GCSU is making a push toward recycling; however, other parts of Georgia may be lagging behind.

According to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Georgians dispose of 4.3 pounds of waste per person per day, excluding recycled materials. Nationwide, the EPA shows, with subtracting the recycled material, an average of three pounds of waste is disposed of per person per day. This

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## Masters

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guage, no additional costs to implement the program are currently projected according to Jordan.

“Existing literacy faculty will support program requirements,” she said. “Given planned growth in graduate enrollment, additional resources will be requested when warranted.”

As for the master’s degree in Art Therapy, current resources within the Department of Music Therapy and Department of Art will cover a significant portion of the instruc-

tional costs related to the program. Required instruction in core therapeutic, studio and supervision of field-based experiences are already offered within existing courses in those departments. The new courses associated with the proposed program must be taught by a registered art therapy faculty specialist to meet accreditation standards, and therefore new full-time faculty must be added in order to implement the program according to Jordan.

“All the space and facilities required for implementation of the program already exist and are maintained in the two collaborating colleges,” Jordan said. “So no additional (facility) costs will be incurred by

adding the program.”

### The process

Generally, discussions of new curricula begin among the faculty in the colleges. These discussions are mainly influenced by changes in the profession or the discipline, in response to a state need, or due to a regional or national shortage.

If an interest in the program exists, the departments research the feasibility of offering a higher degree. This would include a gap analysis of the resources needed, the location, size and scope of the existing programs in that field, the accreditation standards, the support

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# Analyzing GCSU's handicap accessibility

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Many students believe that they cannot pursue their dreams if they have handicap disabilities, but at GCSU that is not the case by any means.

Mike Chambers, assistant director of Institutional Equity and Diversity and Disability Services, ensures that handicapped students have just as much capability to achieve academic success as non-handicapped students.

There are over 200 handicapped students on the campus of GCSU according to Chambers. These students have disabilities that vary from physical, sensory or visual. Of the students with disabilities, 80 to 90 percent have learning disorders.

GCSU is an Americans with Disabilities Act compliant school and strives to meet the needs of the students as their first priority according to Chambers.

Of those who enrolled in Spring 2007, 80 percent of handicapped students are still attending GCSU or have already graduated.

"Insuring accessibility is a priority," Chambers said.

The Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity strives to make GCSU accessible and manageable so disabled students can take part in classes and regular student activities.

"I think the handicap access is more than adequate. Almost every building I go in seems to have handicap access," said Ryan Cheek, a senior computer science major.

For hearing impaired students, interpreters

are available for sign language. For visually impaired students, Braille is offered in the classroom setting. In Spring 2010, a totally blind student graduated from GCSU with a 3.0 GPA.

Students with learning disabilities also have many ways to make the classroom more comfortable. Students can take tests in separate areas or be allowed an extended amount of time, if they have that kind of learning need.

According to Chambers, expectations are much different in college. It is the student and families' responsibility to present their problem or disability to the school.

"A Documentation has to be met, and then steps are taken in order to meet their needs," Chambers said.

The admission requirements are the same as any other student applying to GCSU.

The Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity coordinates many activities so students can relate more to students with disabilities. The Roll Your Own event is an annual event put on by the office that allows students to see what it's like to be in a wheelchair on campus.

The office also offers different activities throughout the year geared specifically toward students that do have disabilities.

In addition, a few years ago the office sponsored a game on Front Campus targeted toward visually impaired students called Beep Ball. This game was much like baseball except instead of seeing the ball and bases, you would hear them. This way, students who couldn't see could play based off sounds.

## Surveys

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ion; it will be forced," said SGA President Zach Mullins. "We are trying word-of-mouth through the senators, contact with different RSOs and their own constituents, telling them, 'tell your peers and constituents to take the student opinion survey.' We have made our Twitter and Facebook accounts match up to that saying 'Have you taken your student opinion survey?'"

SGA is also looking into making the surveys more apparent on myCATS. Currently students have to rely on directions from emails and other students to find the online surveys located under Personal Information in the

PAWS links section under the student tab.

The university administration is also researching ways to foster student action.

"We surveyed other institutions and found that if we create both incentives to participate and disincentives for not participating that we might be able to change behaviors and encourage participation," Jordan said. "We are in the process of creating a multi-pronged plan that includes more and more effective communication, an alternative survey and an incentive."

The alternative survey will ask students why they did not complete the Student Opinion of Teaching surveys in order to help the university understand why students choose to opt out of the opinion survey. Students who complete either

survey will be able to access their final grades at the earliest possible time after they are posted while those who refuse to answer either will not be able to access their grades until later.

There is certainly frustration that faculty are not receiving the feedback they need and desire from the statistically irrelevant surveys, but the results are not being ignored. The surveys completed by students are highly appreciated and thoughtfully reviewed. The concern, however, remains that students are missing out on their biggest chance to improve GCSU.

"Basically when people don't fill out the surveys, they lose their voice," Whitaker said. "Today's an election day. It's just like if I don't get to the courthouse, I lose my voice in that election."

"The reason people in other parts of the U.S. recycle so much is because their expenses for waste disposal is much higher because they have much stricter planning and zoning rules," Oetter said. "People live everywhere in the northeast. That area was settled densely earlier than the south, and we still have plenty of places here where some farmer has a big gully and says 'you know what I'm not making much money farming, how 'bout I sell my farm and make it into a landfill.'"

That mentality is not the case with all, however.

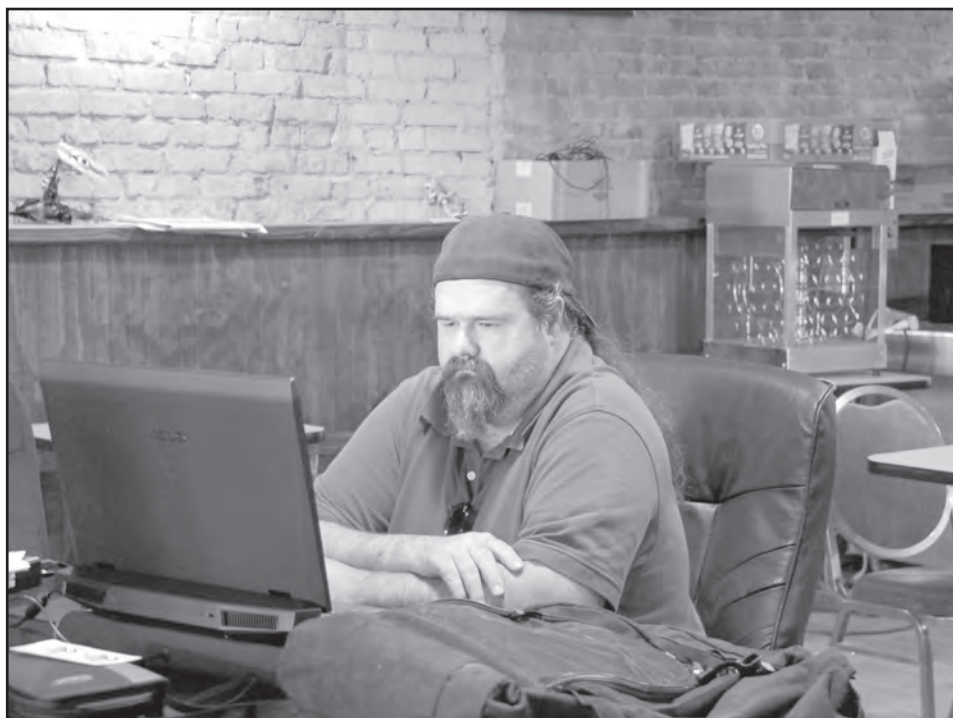
GCSU's program, which offers no financial incentive, is two months old and the feedback is positive.

"The first semester's been trail by error," Brittain said, "But I never thought we would have (a recycling program) while I was here."

Georgia is jumping on the bandwagon despite its lag to get started. The push is nationwide with each consumer having an individual reason to recycle, whether it be for conservation, future generations or for fashion purposes.

And consumers like Oetter enjoy only having to put trash bins out every other week.

"I enjoy going through the materials that are generated by my life so that I can examine my relationship to the environment," Oetter said. "And I see that as an interesting sort of social experiment, what it takes for me to stay alive from day to day."



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Keith Rich, co-owner of Good Games, studies his laptop in the newly opened gaming facility. Students can visit the store to play a variety of card games, most notably Magic: The Gathering, and other various electronic games.

## Downtown game store popular among students

MARK WATKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Magic: The Gathering players now have a place they can play in downtown Milledgeville.

Since Oct. 1 the new addition to the downtown scene—Good Games—has been providing an area for gamers of all sorts to come and play.

They offer tables for games of Magic: The Gathering, Dungeons and Dragons, HeroClix and much more.

When walking in, you'll probably see a huge stack of Magic: The Gathering cards on the poker table in the middle of the store, an action-orientated movie playing on one of the plasma screen televisions and a few laptops sitting amongst the papers and cards.

Their largest event is Friday Night Magic. Every Friday, a Magic: The Gathering

tournament is hosted at the store. It's \$5 to enter, and the four players with the highest overall record of the night continue on into the final four.

They also have plasma televisions dedicated to PlayStation 3, Xbox 360 and Nintendo Wii consoles available for rental.

"(The store) came about because we're all Magic players, but there's no real place in town to play. So we started playing here at the Pet Store after we closed, and then every Friday night it kept getting bigger and bigger. It got to the point where we said 'we ought to start doing something on our own,'" said Ian Poole, co-owner of Good Games.

Currently, Good Games is focused more on Magic than anything else, but they have plans for expansion.

"Eventually we're going to start getting into some Madden, Halo and Call of

Duty tournaments," Poole said.

Not only does Good Games host a buy-in tournament, but they also hold a free-for-all night every Saturday that is free to join.

"Saturday night is just chaos," Poole said. "Whatever you got, you bring it and play it."

For those in attendance including Neil Rentz, a regular at Good Games, Saturday night is about having a good time.

"(We) sit down and have fun," Rentz said. "We do all kinds of things."

One of the main advantages the owners feel is the community provided by the regulars at Good Games. They strive to make the environment friendly and welcoming to newcomers.

"It's just a place to hang out, play games, kind of like our own man cave," Poole said.

## Recycling

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means every year Georgians throw about 474.5 pounds more waste into landfills than the average American.

"I think a lot of people around here still need to be convinced that recycling's a good thing to do," Oetter said.

In 1976, the EPA passed the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act requiring all states to have a solid waste management program. For residents of Baldwin County, not attending GCSU, there are two ways to recycle.

The city provides a free recycling center on West Thomas Street.

"It's not a state of the art recycling center," Oetter said. "In order to resell post-consumer recyclable goods they have to be in good condition so that somebody out there wants to buy that stuff."

When recycled, beverage containers must be emptied and plastic has to be free of food residue in order to reuse the materials.

The other option for recycling is at county convenience centers that can be accessed with a convenience card given to all county residents. However, Oetter said the hours are confusing and residents are more unlikely to recycle with no economic incentive.

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## Senior artists show their work



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Casie Pace's artwork hangs in Blackbridge Hall. From Nov. 29 to Dec. 3 Pace's exhibit will be on display for all to see.

RIGHT: SUBMITTED BY ANNE HUMPHRYS  
Senior art major Anne Humphrys stands in front of her senior exhibit. From top left, Janis Joplin on decorative sheet metal, John Lennon on glass plates and wood, Willie Nelson on wood with guitar strings, B.B. King on a window pane, Louis Armstrong on pegboard with twinkle lights, Elton John on a mirror, 2Pac Shakur on a metal industrial drip pan and Lady Gaga on wood with compact discs. Humphrys painted a keyboard border to showcase her work.



### *Exhibits litter the walls of local buildings, studios*

CARA DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

As a part of their senior capstone, art majors have been showing their works all week during their senior art shows. The shows ran from Monday at 5 p.m. through Friday. The shows were completely organized by the students.

Receptions for each of the senior exhibitions were also held. All students were welcome to attend. Many friends and family members were in attendance of the receptions.

Anne Humphreys, Rebecca Ezell and Emily Huggins had their show in the Wooten Garner House on campus. Casie Pace and Zachary Harris had their show in Blackbridge Hall. Sarah Wood, Alicia Dent, Jaime Ammons, Jess Perkins and Anne Jones had their exhibitions at Fields Photography and Framing in downtown Milledgeville.

Anne Humphreys' work focuses on varying styles of music and

time periods. Her show consisted of paintings of well-known musical artists on different mediums.

"While painting each portrait I listened to the music of that particular artist, and the mood of the tune dictated the overall ambiance and color choice of the end product," Humphreys said.

Casie Pace's work consisted of reflections of memories, thoughts and feelings she had collected throughout her life.

"Many of these pieces represent my own memories from childhood," Pace said.

Zachary Harris, also known as Zel, showcased a collection of etchings that were focused on cockroaches.

"The reality is that we treat each other as cockroaches. We as human beings share a lot in common with these insects," Harris said.

These shows are the "thesis work of art majors. It is their capstone experience," said Bill Fisher, Art Department chair. "Each student showcasing their work during the

art shows have taken two semesters of senior classes: Senior Project and Senior Exhibition. Senior Project is dedicated to research and development of a unified concept for their show and Senior Exhibition is dedicated to production, installation, public relations and de-installation. Public speaking and scholarly writing are fundamental to both semesters of the capstone."

The senior art students have a lot of support with the preparation of these shows.

"With the entire Department of Art faculty and any interested students in attendance, we hold formal full-faculty reviews several times a semester with the studio seniors in which they have 15 minutes to discuss their progress and receive feedback on their work," Fisher said. "Along with public speaking training and experience in writing a professional artist's statement, this Capstone experience provides the student with the opportunity to



CARA DAVIS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior art major Cassie Pace shows off some of her work for her senior exhibit. Her artwork is currently on display in Blackbridge Hall. Her artwork is a personal reflection of her own experiences. "Many of these pieces represent my own memories from childhood," said Pace. The art students completed their exhibits as their final project. The work is on display from Monday, Nov. 30 to Fri, Dec. 3.

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## Milledgeville Sonic's 'Ross the boss' invests in GCSU students

AMANDA BODDY  
SENIOR REPORTER

Sonic Happy Hour: a haven for the parched college student and those traveling down North Columbia Street with some extra pocket change. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., the drive-in restaurant has drinks such as cranberry limeades and lemon berry slushes half-off. It is also manager of the store Ross Waller's favorite time of the day.

After growing up and living in Arkansas for 39 years and working for United Parcel Service of America, Waller moved to Warner Robbins last year to join his nephews in their business owning eight different Sonic stores. Waller has been managing the store in Milledgeville for almost a year.

**"You know, I really want them to excel in life."**

**Ross Waller, manager of Milledgeville Sonic says of his student employees**

Even after driving 45 minutes to an hour to work each day, Waller aims to inspire his staff as well as instill in his crew a good work ethic and a chance for them to have some responsibility. Waller is passionate about seeing his staff thrive.

"Most of them, they give me all they've got," Waller says of his crew. The major-



AMANDA BODDY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ross Waller, manager of the Milledgeville Sonic restaurant prepares a half-price cherry limeade for a customer during the store's most popular time- Happy Hour. The company claims to have over 168,000 drink combinations.

ity of his staff is made up of GCSU students and three high school students.

"You know, I really want them to excel in life," Waller explains as Journey's "Don't Stop Believing" comes on the patio speakers.

"Successful people surround themselves with successful people. If you look inside that store, look what I've got. Most of them make good grades. They've got a good outlook on life. I've got people that really make me strong at what I do. Years down the road, they might not remember me and they might not remember Sonic, but one day they'll drive by a Sonic and say 'hey, you know, I remember when I used to sit on the patio and I worked for this crazy guy inside.'"

Ross the Boss, as he is known by his crew and frequent visitors, professes to

enjoy his days at Sonic but is most fulfilled by the relationships with the people he encounters throughout the day.

"Overall, I like what I do as far as a job. The harder you work, the better results you get. You know, I'd rather be outside talking to people than having to be inside doing work, but hey, that's my job role. I'm more of a people-person, I like being around people, I like to watch people to see how they function," Waller said.

Waller looks forward to those magical two hours in the afternoon when he can escape the kitchen for a few moments to join the fun on the patio.

"When I see you out here, if I'm having a bad day and I come out and say something to y'all, it turns my whole day around. It may just be to come

*Ross Waller page 7*

## Robinson's fiction wins writing award

LAUREN DAVIDSON  
STAFF REPORTER

Jennifer Robinson's story titled "Fabula", based on a true story, was told through the voice of a young girl named Ana Lucia, who lived in a village in Nicaragua. Ana Lucia takes her readers through a journey of life with her family in the small fishing village. The senior English and creative writing major was officially awarded the first Margaret Harvin Wilson Writing Award for her fiction short story on Nov. 11.

Robinson received inspiration for her story from a friend who serves as a missionary in Nicaragua during the summers. After hearing many of his wonderful stories about his experiences as a missionary there, she decided to write a story of her own based off of true occur-

**"The narrator of the story was very consistent and clear. It takes place in another country and she captured this young voice, Hispanic girls voice, just really clearly. The story itself coming through this younger girls point of view was really a unique story, I was really captivated by it."**

**David Muschelle, professor of English**

rences in the village. She expressed that she was very excited and honored to win the prize of \$1,000.

"He just loves the kids down there and he would go on and on about it and

talk about how beautiful it was, so I kind of wanted to capture it," Robinson said. "There are a lot of really good writers, I was actually very surprised."



**Jennifer Robinson**

Approximately over 90 short stories, poems and plays were submitted to the contest. The pieces of work went through a preliminary review carried out by graduate students in the Master of Fine Arts program. After the entries were narrowed down and finalists were selected, a panel of five judges - Dr. Marty Lammon,

Ken Procter, Dr. Beauty Bragg, David Muschell and Alice Friman - read each of the remaining selected pieces, discussed pros and cons, and selected a winner.

David Muschell, a professor of English, expressed there were a lot of great pieces submitted, but Robinson's short story really stood out to him because of the maturity of her writing and the clear narrative voice.

"The narrator of the story was very consistent and clear. It takes place in another country and she captured this young voice, Hispanic girl's voice, just really clearly," Muschell said. "The story itself coming through this younger girl's point of view was really a unique story, I was really captivated by it."

Martin Lammon, Fuller E. Callaway and Flannery O'Connor coordinator, says Robinson's piece was beautifully written, and he is truly delighted that her work was chosen as the winning piece.

"A lot of the stories that we see in the movies or that we read in books like 'Twilight', they are what I call diversions," Lammon said. "They make us laugh or they make us cry even. They don't truly

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# Spotlight:

How to make the most of your winter break

Besides all the eating, parties and gift-exchanging, there is a lot of down time during the holidays, so here are some tips to make use of that time.

**Find a new hobby:**  
Being a college student is stressful, so find something to channel your energy into. Blog, take up painting or do anything creative.

**Read a book:**  
You don't have to read a classic book like "Crime and Punishment" or even a New York Times bestseller. Anything you want to read can help you relax and unwind.

**Get a job:**  
Easier said than done in this economy, but anything that earns you money (legally) is a good choice.

**Get an internship:**  
Unpaid ones are the easiest to find. You can try to find an informal one for a couple of days during the break. Whatever your field is, try to find someone in it and see if you can shadow them at least.

**Hone your skills:**  
If you are in a major that uses technology, like some fancy software or even a camera, practice it.

This is my last spotlight ever so hopefully you enjoyed me imparting my wisdom with you. Have a great holiday season!



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By Danielle Paluga



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**A holiday tradition**  
From left, Miles Daly, Lindsay London, Joye Server, Laurene Green, Cadi Griffin and Elizabeth Bryant prepare for thier performance in The Nutcracker. The Nutcracker has shows Friday, Dec. 10, Saturday, Dec. 11 and Sunday, Dec. 12 in Russell Auditorium. The dancers include GCSU students, Milledgeville community members, high school students and local children.

## Snapshots of Milledgeville

Students participate in Digital Bridges initiative

DANIELLE PALUGA  
STAFF REPORTER

Students are getting the opportunity to exercise their creativity behind the camera and help the local economy at the same time.

Digital Bridges and Shop-localmilledgeville.com are heading up an initiative to take pictures of local business to put up on the website.

Tommy Cook, the program developer for Digital Bridges and the creator of shoplocalmilledgeville.com, came up with the idea to create this initiative to help promote the local businesses in a more visual way.

"Many of the businesses have not uploaded their own photos, so we decided to turn the photo galleries into tour galleries, or a 'virtual tour,'" Cook said.

Cook is a proponent of the local economy because

he says the money will stay in the community and help improve it. In order to make people more interested in shopping in Milledgeville, he wants to get pictures of the businesses.

The initiative is now an event on Facebook, which is how many people have been finding out about it.

Stephanie Jinright, a biology graduate student, likes the idea because it will give even amateur photographers like her an opportunity to practice taking pictures.

"I am hoping to do the event if I have spare time after finals," Jinright said.

She is excited to see how the virtual tour turns out even if she can't participate.

Sophomore pre-mass communication major Michele McGuire likes photography and she agrees with Jinright.

"It is a great chance for aspiring photographers to

contribute their artwork to the betterment of our flourishing college town," McGuire said.

Junior exercise science major Nadia VanZyl believes that taking pictures of businesses in Milledgeville is a good idea, but she doesn't know if she'll have time to do it.

"I'm sure my friend who is really into photography will do something for it," VanZy said.

Cook wants as many photographs and photographers as possible.

"We need to assemble a team of photographers to take pictures of the 700+ businesses/attractions that have found an online presence (the site)," Cook said.

The only thing needed for the photographs to be submitted is permission obtained from the owners of the businesses.



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## Movie Review: 'Tangled'

RYAN DEL CAMPO  
REPORTER

Disney has done it. The same studio that brought you the animated classics that you know and love performed a miracle with its newest film, "Tangled," and brought back hope for a renaissance of its brand of cinematic magic.

The plot of the movie roughly follows the tale of Rapunzel, who is voiced by Mandy Moore. But the studio brought a twist, which transformed the movie from another simple tale of a wayward princess finding her proverbial "knight in shining armor" into an action-adventure worthy of the old Disney name.

Mandy Moore delivers an exemplary performance as Rapunzel, which is a testament more to her singing voice than her acting talent—after all, it can't be that hard to act like a Disney princess. Am I right, adolescent girls?

The other lead voice performer also adds another dynamic to the film. Zachary Levi, star of the NBC action-comedy "Chuck," brings his inescapable wit to the story as he plays the thief Flynn Ryder and narrates. While on the run from the royal army, thief Ryder takes refuge in a tower where he finds much more than sanctuary. He is hit several times in the head with a skillet and restrained to a chair by Rapunzel's hair—which of course is the beginning of any beautiful love relationship. We've all been there.

I wouldn't want to spoil the movie, but what ensues after Rapunzel meets Ryder is tantamount to the plots of many other Disney movies. However "Tangled" still is able to capture the spark that made "Aladdin" and "The Lion King" classics. This is the same spark whose lack of presence has made more recent movies like "The



SOURCE: WALT DISNEY ANIMATION STUDIOS

## Grade: B+

Princess and the Frog" and "Tinker Bell" into box office flops.

This spark comes from films' ability to have a multi-generational appeal and makes "Tangled" into a movie that the whole family would want to see instead of one that children have to drag their parents to. This appeal has been a big part of the difference between Disney and Pixar lately. Pixar just seems to get it, and Disney is just starting to figure it out again.

There are plenty of aspects of old Disney movies present in "Tangled" to deliver that spark. For example, the figure of Princess Rapunzel is absurdly disproportionate—that is, unless having a three inch-wide waist is healthy these days. And, of course, any viewer cannot resist the urge to imagine themselves in the shoes of the stereotypical perfect Disney prince or princess role.

Since my intended audience is college students, I be-

lieve that it is important to note that we all have to grow up from this shared dream of becoming Disney royalty at some point. For example, for college girls to whisper and giggle in the theater and bother the rest of the audience will not get you any closer to achieving that dream. In fact, audibly begging the movie to let Ryder kiss Rapunzel only makes you more immature and obnoxious to the people around you and furthers you from reaching this dream. So, if this moviegoer is you, please grow up.

As a college student myself, I feel that "Tangled" would be a great first date-movie. Or, if not that, it would be perfect to watch with your cousins as your aunt and uncle come into town for the holidays and unload the brats on you to watch. In this holiday season, full of love and festivity, everyone will be sure to enjoy "Tangled."



Ross Waller

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out and say ‘What’s up,’ but it really makes a difference.”

Previous to working for Sonic, Waller spent 16 years at UPS, 13 of which he spent as a manager.

“That was the best education a fella can have. I went to college, but overall working for UPS taught me so much more than a textbook. I learned how to work with labor and unions, the whole kitencaboddle.”

Waller chose to leave home in Arkansas for a life in Middle Georgia to work for his nephew Mike, who owns the eight Sonic restaurants.

“Mike owns them and my oldest brother lives out here, too, and he does some maintenance for Sonic, so it works out.”

Although he has a busy life here in Georgia, there is one thing he left in Arkansas.

“You know, I’ve got a little girl back home, and she’s 8. I don’t get to see her as much, but you’ve got to go where you’ve got to go.”

Waller visits with daughter Brooklyn over the summer when she gets to tag along with her dad at work.

“Yeah, she’s a handful, let me tell you. She comes in here—I only get her during the summer—but she comes in and she don’t cut ‘em no slack. She’s pretty feisty, she’s a smart kid.”

“Me and her are pretty tight. We do a lot



Ross Waller

of stuff; we do a lot of girly stuff. Every time she comes down here she wants to go to that, what is it? The Cabbage Patch hospital.” Waller says of Brooklyn’s visit this past summer.

Waller makes the trip back home to Arkansas to visit Brooklyn about once or twice a year.

“I go in for Thanksgiving; I get to see her then. Her birthday’s in January and I’ve missed it the past couple of times, so I’m gonna skip Christmas and go in on her birthday. I don’t ever tell her when I’m coming home; I usually sit there at the school to pick her up. So she’s pretty fired up when she sees me.”

Waller’s blue-gray eyes light up when he discusses Brooklyn, only to dim at his feelings of being so distant from her.

“Mike’s got three kids, two younger ones, so when I get to missing Brooklyn I go over there and ‘rastle with his two young ones.”

Waller spends most of his time working at the chain restaurant, famous for its red and yellow color scheme, clever commercials and roller-skating staff members. When he finally gets off his sometimes 12-hour-long days and climbs into his gray truck, Waller has some time to himself.

“The only thing I like to do is play a little golf. That’s about all I do besides work, but it’s paid off for me.”

Waller expects that working at Sonic will be his last career move, his carefree attitude obvious as he looks to the future.

“My long-range goals are just to chill out and enjoy life.”

Writing

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touch us deeply, they don’t really move us. Whereas a story like hers rises to that level of art. If you listen to a beautiful concert that is beautifully played, it just moves you to tears, deeply touches your soul, and I think that’s what Jennifer’s story does. It rises to that level of high art that is really wonderful, and that’s because she’s written it so beautifully.”

Allen Gee, an assistant professor of English and creative writing, previously taught Robinson and expressed that he was not only impressed with the story that she submitted for the contest but with all of her

fiction works that he has read.

“I liked the story a lot when I first saw it, and I knew it had a lot of promise,” Gee said. “She’s just such a strong writer all the way around. I’ve looked at a lot of stories that Jennifer’s written and I’m always just impressed by how much she revises and how much she works on her fiction.”

Dr. Mary Sue Coleman, University of Michigan president, and her husband Dr. Kenneth Coleman are the donors for the endowed Margaret Harvin Wilson Writing Award. The two established the award in honor of the late Margaret Harvin Wilson, Dr. Mary Sue Coleman’s mother. Wilson wrote a story for the Corinthian when she attended Georgia

State College for Women in the ‘30s and won an award for her story.

Ken Proctor, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, says he is very pleased with the quality of all the entries and believes he and the other judges picked a great story to receive the first award.

“It’s really good to, especially for this first award, have a really strong pool of contestants, a very clearly strong winning entry because there’s a gift behind the award,” Proctor said. “We’re going to be sending information back to the donor on who won. We (also) videotaped the awards ceremony so the donor can see that. We have something that we can be very proud of.”

Milledgeville welcomes downtown photo studio

AMANDA BRODZIK  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne Street’s latest addition, Fields Photography and Framing, was launched on Oct. 14, just before the Deep Roots Festival. The store is run by photographer Danielle Fields, a GCSU alumna.

Fields is thrilled to be in the new Milledgeville location.

“We are exactly where we want to be,” Fields said. Fields is not the only excited individual.

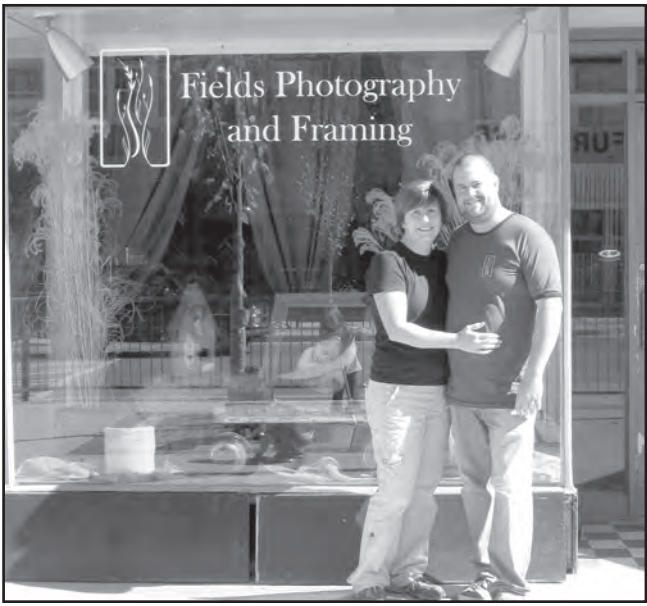
“Anytime a new business opens, it is great for the downtown economy and the Milledgeville community,” stated Milledgeville Chamber of Commerce Membership Director Lisa Thompson.

The studio features Fields’ photography, as well as the work of local and student artists. Fields’ photographs depict babies, maternity, families, weddings, senior photos, pin-ups and, soon, head portraits.

“My aesthetic is urban, funky and rustic,” Fields said. “It has a dirty feel.”

Fields accomplishes this feel by adding unique elements to her photography such as newborns in antique furniture or families in historic barns.

Fields does not keep her creative talent to herself



LAUREN DAVIDSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Danielle and Michael Fields stand outside their store. Fields Photography and Framing on South Wayne street has been open since October and is currently home to the senior photography student exhibits.

though. She offers basic photo classes every three months, the next being in January. She hopes to add more classes soon.

Fields also plays host to many events. On Nov. 29, the GCSU senior student art exhibit will be held at Fields Photography and Framing. Fields also hosts vintage inspired pin-up photography parties. The pin-up photos are tasteful, but also have a flirtatious aspect to them. Fields hopes to add birthday party host to the mix.

“Danielle is realizing the

dream that a lot of our students have,” said Associate Professor of Art Bill Fisher. “We (the Department of Art) are really happy when the arts and businesses that support the arts become a more integral part of the community”

As for the future, Fields hopes that the business flourishes and is beneficial to the community.

“Our long-term goal is to provide affordable costs, great customer service and a quick turn around,” Fields said.

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create a new and cohesive body of work, resulting in a unified portfolio and preparing them for the competitive nature of graduate school and/or work in their chosen professional field.”

The two studio art tracks, Fine Art Studio Concentration (FASC) and General Art Studio Concentration (GASC), involve ex-

hibitions at the end of the second semester of the student’s senior year. All of the senior art shows that took place this week involved students from these concentrations.

The Art History Capstone and Museum Studies Capstone involve many of the same elements, with the historians creating a written scholarly thesis following two semesters of full faculty support, and the Museum Studies concentration majors are responsible for curating an exhibition in our main galleries by a professional artist of national/international stature.

Counseling Services Spring Groups

Journal to the Self

, a group for improved self esteem and self confidence. Participants will be directed to journal regularly on various points of reflection for the purpose of self directed change. Some sharing in group will be encouraged, but no one will be required to read what they journal. Contact Susan Spencer at susan.spencer@gcsu.edu if interested. Time and dates are TBA based on student interest.

Coming Out: A Lifelong Process

For those who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered, coming out is an ongoing process that may involve confusion, self-doubt, and stress because of institutionalized heterosexism and homophobia. LGBT individuals revisit and disclose their sexual identity over a lifespan of encountering new jobs, new places to live, and new friends. Our group will meet weekly for six weeks. During our one hour together, each week, we will explore coming out or not, coming out to yourself, coming out to parents and coming out to others. If interested please call Chris Lamphere at 445-5331 or email at chris.lamphere@gcsu.edu. Time and dates TBA based on student interest.

Breaking out of Your Shell: A Group to Help Students Overcome Social Anxiety

This group is for students who feel anxious about initiating or maintaining conversations, participating in small groups, dating, speaking to authority figures, or attending parties. If this describes you, please consider participating in this small group designed to help students deal with social anxiety. The group will be limited to 8-12 students (who are 18-23 years old, both male and female) and will meet weekly for 6 weeks. Sharing feelings and experiences will be encouraged, but no one will be pressured to do anything that they don’t feel that they can do. The group is designed to provide different forms of social support. Please contact Anne Reynolds, Ph.D. at Counseling Services (478-445-5331) or email at anne.reynolds@gcsu.edu if you are interested. Time and dates TBA based on student interest.

Career Exploration

, a group designed to identify student’s interests, skills, and styles to assist with choice of major and career paths. The goal is for each student to develop an action plan to further their own career path. Contact Susan Spencer at susan.spencer@gcsu.edu if interested. Time and dates are TBA based on student interest.

Soul Ties: An African American Student Support Group

This group will provide support and a safe environment for African American students to explore, discuss, connect and share life issues, experiences and challenges they encounter as students of color at Georgia College.

This group will meet for five weeks and participants will be asked to complete a screening interview to determine if the group will be helpful in dealing with their concerns or whether another service might be more beneficial.

For additional information regarding scheduling an appointment to be screened for participation in this group, please contact Counseling Services at 478 445-5331. Group Facilitator: Barbara Jackson, M. S., LPC

Holistic Health: Learning the basic skills of surviving college

Do you always feel like there aren’t enough hours in the day? Do you feel like the stress never ends? Are you interested in learning how to live a healthy lifestyle, but are unsure of where to begin? This “group” may be for you! We will be covering the basics of time management, stress management as well as the basics of health and wellness. We will cover the concept and skills needed for students to live a holistic healthy lifestyle, and then do some practical application. Topics include relaxation techniques, time management, setting goals, etc. We will be rotating topics each week throughout the spring semester, and we will repeat topics once we have covered each one. Students are NOT required to attend every session or even begin the first week. Contact Andrea Gaston at andrea.gaston@gcsu.edu for more information!

12 Step Support Group

After a two-year hiatus, a 12 Step Support Group will be held weekly on the GCSU campus, a convenient location for students to help each other achieve sobriety. The only requirement for attending is a desire to stop using alcohol/drugs. The only thing standing in the way of you attending the first meeting is your ability to admit that you need help. If you would like additional information please contact Chris Lamphere at 445-5331 or email at chris.lamphere@gcsu.edu.



## Our Voice

### Reader feedback

Around two weeks ago The Colonnade created a survey with 10 simple questions to gauge reader feedback. We’ve gotten over 115 responses so far. We asked a variety of questions ranging from your favorite section to how useful the Community News calendar is. We want to thank everyone who took the time to give us feedback. We read every single response and will be using the information we’ve gathered to continue to improve how we serve you.

Here are some responses from readers with suggestions or things they don’t like in The Colonnade. Comments from us will be under the responses in an effort to clear up confusion or explain why we do things the way we do them.

**The fact that some of the distribution locations empty and i have to search around for another**

We have seen a large increase in demand for the paper which is a great thing, but it also has had some drawbacks like empty racks or bins. The distribution manager is currently compiling suggestions and recommendations for changes in distribution. We hope to be able to purchase new bins or racks for the spring semester. We also will be moving some bins and racks around to better serve the campus’s needs.

**Lots of wrong points in your articles. Names get confused with other peoples.. um people are quoted incorrectly. Please check this stuff before you put out the paper.**

The Colonnade has seen a strong number of new, inexperienced writers join our staff this year. While we’re excited for the potential this provides for the future, it does have consequences. We strive for excellence so if you find an error in fact or A typo, let us know. Send us an e-mail at [colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu](mailto:colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu).

**More balanced opinions in the opinion section.**

The Colonnade is ALWAYS looking for opinionated people. If you feel there is another side that needs to be covered, we accept plenty of columnists. You can write on just about anything. If you’re interested in being a columnist, send us a message with your information at [colonnadenews@gcsu.edu](mailto:colonnadenews@gcsu.edu).

**Fun sections such as horoscopes, quizzes, comics written by students, more fashion talk.**

We actually are working on having more fun sections with puzzles. We’re always looking for more people to draw either humorous or political cartoons. If you’re interested send us an e-mail

These are just some of the suggestions we received. Send your feedback to [colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu](mailto:colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu) You can even text us at 708-949-6233.

## My Christmas List

Dear St. Nicholas,

It appears my last year’s wish list was lost in the mail because none of my desires came true. To ensure you see this year’s demands, I’m posting it in The Colonnade because you read it religiously like every other obese Americans. These are non-negotiable.

- 1. I would like for the Hope Scholarship to cover more than 127 credit hours.**  
As a double major, I need the state to pay my bill, unless Mrs. Claus has been saving up for me. However, I know she spends her money on therapy because you have no children of your own.
- 2. I would like a flying reindeer.**  
Parking tickets are getting ridiculous, and it would be easier to teach a land mammal to fly than convince the city to build a parking deck. I also hear they are excellent at battling pterodactyls.
- 3. While delivering presents this Christmas Eve, I would like you to go into my roommate’s bedroom and collect the dirty dishes he’s been hoarding.**  
Don’t tell me you can’t do this because you are infamous for getting into homes without keys or permission.
- 4. I would like for you to use your pagan powers to bring Dobby the house elf back to life.**  
He is a very hard worker and would be an excellent addition to your staff. Not to mention his freakishly large eyes allow him to keep an eye on the Grinch, who I hear is secretly a Death Eater.
- 5. While parading the sky on Christmas Eve, please crash your sleigh into the apartment below mine.**  
They play their “music” very loud during the Christmas season, and if you were to intrude into their bedroom the ruckus might stop.
- 6. I would like coal.**  
Most kids want presents, but when I graduate with a Theatre degree, I will need to coal to keep my tin drum burning on those cold winter nights. Also, I found coal fetches a higher price on the market than Furbies these days.
- 7. Could you make my family mute?**  
I don’t know if that’s in your power, but make it happen. Otherwise, I’ll let everyone know a Ukrainian man is sneaking into children’s rooms and to give things.
- 8. Can you explain the ending of “LOST” to me?**  
I’m just not smart enough. It’s an intelligent show. Do you get cable on your glacier? If not, then you are missing out my friend.
- 9. Fire all your elves and hire Americans. We are in a recession.**

Thanks in advance.  
Comedic as always,  
Steve Holbert



## Freedom from procrastination

Last week before we left home for break, I’m sure that many of you did what I did: made a list. Whether it be written down or in your mind, you made a list of things to get done while on break so that when you returned to school, you would have less things to worry about. If you’re like me, however, that list, well-intentioned as it was, did not get completed. I had plenty of time to finish everything and more and then have time to do whatever I wanted, but I only managed to get a fraction of my work done. Instead, I waited until Sunday night before class and stayed up until 4 a.m. finishing everything. Lately it seems, I have made this sort of behavior a common practice.

Two weeks ago, to force myself to finish a paper at a reasonable hour, I resorted to unplugging my cable connection so that I wouldn’t be tempted to watch television. This seems to be the root of my, and other’s, problems with procrastination; not only TV though—



ALEX SMITH

Internet, cell phones and video games too. After reading several articles discussing procrastination, they all seem to suggest that now, more than ever, it is more difficult to overcome procrastination. Now, you can check your e-mails, check Facebook, check your Twitter account, go to your favorite site, watch videos on Youtube, play some video games (damn you Black Ops!) and watch some television while your 10-page research paper sits unwritten.

Thankfully, though, an application called Freedom is available. It allows you to disable the Internet for a specified amount of time. There is no override feature that lets you type in

a password to regain access; the only way to regain access to the Internet is to wait out the time period or to reboot the computer! Quite the deterrent. But, alas, the application costs \$10 to download; however there is a free trial version, and I’m sure there is some freeware that performs the same task.

However you look at it, it seems, for me at least, that procrastination has become very difficult to deal with. In addition, I agree that technology has created many more distractions, and that it is probably exacerbating the problem of procrastination, making it a real problem. In fact, as I wrote this column, I tried so hard to avoid the Internet. And I still went on Facebook anyways! I haven’t had any missed papers or have had anything affected because of my tardy behavior, so I don’t consider it to be too serious, but if your procrastination has affected your life negatively, consider programs like Freedom or unplugging some devices.

## Media helps fuel the political fire



IAN BRIDGEFORTH

One thing I’ve seen before the campaigns, during the campaigns and after the campaigns is that the media will speculate whether dirty politics has reached a new low and if there will ever be bipartisanship in Washington.

Yes, in recent years it’s gotten increasingly partisan, but what they don’t seem to remember is that the vitriol of politics has always been nasty and dirty. During the 1800s, politicians used to describe their opponents in a number

of ways such as blind and toothless, to suggesting that they were hermaphrodites.

There are some crazy things said in campaigns of recent years, but nothing to that caliber. What’s happened is that the noise has just been amplified to a much higher level and is constantly replayed in the all-day-every-day news cycle. In an industry strapped with the paradigm of attempted objectivity and a thirst for high ratings, sensationalism seems to be becoming the norm.

Michael Moore will say President Obama may get a 2012 challenge from the left—which he knows in all reality isn’t going to happen—and it’s played up as the next big threat in 2012. Conservative icon Rush Limbaugh has said in multiple interviews that he knows how to yank the media’s chain.

And he does it very well too. Rush can say something controversial and the media will undoubtedly run with it for the next 36 hours. Many people didn’t know about the Wyden-Bennett health care bill until it was one of the factors that cost Bob Bennett his seat. Why? Because there wasn’t enough conflict or controversy in it for the media to talk about until Bennett became in danger of losing his seat. But they knew about “death panels” though.

Media can’t complain about petty partisanship and outlandish politics being a huge problem and then turn a blind eye acting as if they don’t help nurture that environment. Politicians themselves are ultimately responsible, but some in the media are not only instigators but enablers of the same thing they complain about.

## Ask CLAIRE!



CLAIRE CHILDS  
ADVICE COLUMNIST

**“My girlfriend rags on me about my studio being disorganized. My studio is my workspace therefore making her argument null and void and off limits to her rules of order. How do I make her see the light?”**

You are entirely right your workspace is your own. However, saying “It’s mine, and I like it this way” has obviously not proven successful to your situation. But fear not, you are not alone. Couples, roommates and any people that spend time in each other’s space are bound to run into issues about organization and clutter. Because let’s face it—just because we are fine with our own messes, it doesn’t mean that anyone else is.

The issue of cleaning up after ourselves is one that is almost always an issue for college students. And believe me; I have had my fair share of roommates. Thus, I’d like to take this opportunity to share this little bit of wisdom.

When directly sharing a space with others, be respectful and don’t leave a mess for everyone else to live in. Also it is important to always take the high road. Even if your roommate’s don’t seem to be respectful of your shared space, that doesn’t give you a free pass. Treat others the way you would want to be treated and yes what I’m saying is that the golden rule does apply to dirty dishes.

Your answer is determined by this question: Does your girlfriend spend a large and unavoidable amount of time in your studio? If the answer is yes, then it is your responsibility as a valiant boyfriend to make it livable for her. If the answer is no, and she just passes through, then it is your mess to live with. Unless, of course, your work space belongs on “Hoarders: Buried Alive.”

So, if your answer was no: Explain to your girlfriend calmly and rationally that your workspace is your own space to do with what you want, and its disorganized nature in no way detracts from your ability to concentrate and be creative.

### Need advice?

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# The LITTER Box

THE THOUGHTS AND RANTS OF GCSU

The guy down the hall in building 300 at the Village has his girlfriend living with him. Isn't that grounds for removal from university housing under the village agreement section B?

Village Apartments it would be a good idea to enforce the rules that each student agrees to abide by before being allowed to move in to the village. Several other students have had similar complaints and have not seen justice at work. A few examples of things that be grounds for removal from university housing are underage drinking, girlfriends living with their boyfriends in the bigger rooms at West Campus, loud partying, etc. People that engage in the above acts are costing the village thousands and thousands of dollars in lost revenue, because the non-violators will never sign up there again. Crack down on these people and you could see revenues soar.

These freshmen need to quit complaining abt lack of "convenient parking" and whining abt tickets. Class of 2011 had to use Irwin!

Just because there might be someone waiting to take the CA's jobs, it doesn't give Housing the right to treat their employees badly.

It really bothers me that our school lets religious fanatics come on our campus and berate students with hateful messages (irony?) and students stand there letting them be rude and hateful. Where is the love? If you want to be a good Christian, teach love not hate. - Sincerely, loving atheist.

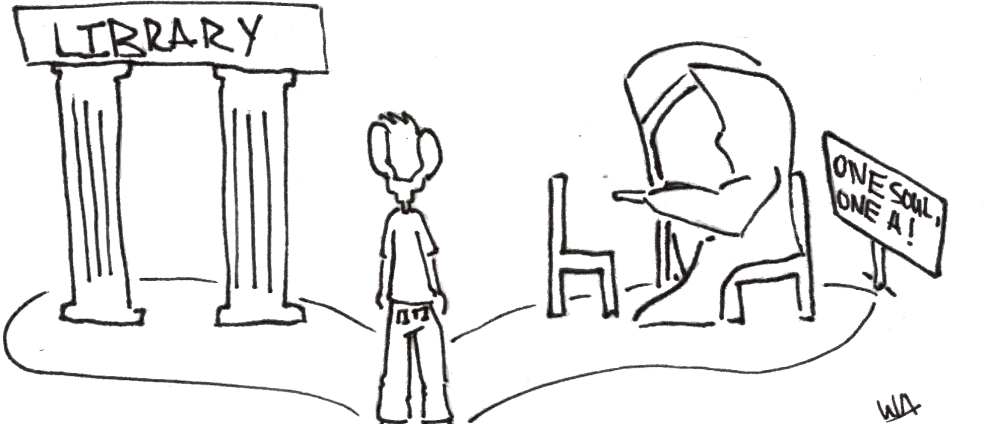
Has never regretted anything more than Friday, Saturday, and the first time I met you. So go be with the girl who will never deserve you and I'll pretend to be the best friend.

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- year of study
- major



# Bobcat Beat


REPORTED BY HILARY THOMPSON

"Have you gone tailgating on campus?  
What do you think of tailgating?"




**"I think its stupid. It's just a bunch of people getting drunk around their cars, it's not cool."**  
*Maci McKneely, sophomore chemistry major*

**"No, but I think it's a great way for students to show their school spirit."**  
*Morgan Martina, freshman early childhood education*



**"I've never been tailgating."**  
*Bryan Frendahl, freshman criminal justice major*

**"I haven't. I would think it would be really loud."**  
*Andi Shen, freshman music therapy major*



**"I don't really care about tailgating."**  
*Kevin Quinlan, freshman undeclared major*

## POLL OF THE WEEK

Are you friends with one or more professors on Facebook?



**Next week's question:**  
What do you expect your GPA to be for Fall semester?

- 4
  - 3 -3.9
  - 2 - 2.9
- 1-1.9
  - 0-0.9
  - I don't have a GPA

**Student Health Services** is now offering flu shots.  
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**Clinic Hours: Monday - Friday 8:15 - 4:30.**

Look for **STUDENT health101** e-mails at the first of every month.  
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## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT



**1 WHEN NIGHTS GET CHOPPY** **November 26 at 1:42 a.m.**  
Officer Ransom observed a group of people behind a downtown establishment that appeared to be in a verbal altercation, according to Public Safety. As Officer Ransom approached, he observed one male who seemed to be antagonizing the crowd. The male then removed his shirt and began to start a physical altercation. Officer Ransom broke up the crowd and made contact with the male, who was placed in handcuffs and attempted to determine the nature of the situation and calm him down. The male refused to calm down and began to verbally attack Officer Ransom and others at the scene. He was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and after getting the rest of the crowd dispersed, he was transported to Milledgeville PD. The male then began to complain about a wrist ailment, so he was transported to Oconee Regional Medical Center for treatment.

### 2 GAME OVER

**November 2 at 10:53 p.m.** Officer Ransom was dispatched to The Den in reference to a PlayStation that had been stolen from there, according to Public Safety. Contact was made with three females who all advised who had stolen the PlayStation. The female was located at a friends' apartment and admitted to stealing the PlayStation and showed Officer Ransom where she threw it, but the item was not located. She was transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by taking.

### 4 CRACK DOWN

**November 15 at 4:27 p.m.** Sgt. English was patrolling the Wilkinson Street area and observed a passenger in a vehicle not wearing their seatbelt, according to Public Safety. A traffic stop was conducted and contact was made with the male driver and female passenger. Both subjects appeared to be very nervous and the driver was not being honest as to where they had come from. Both subjects are on probation and a search of the vehicle found crack cocaine in the driver's seat and an open beer under the passenger's seat. The driver was arrested and charged with possession of crack cocaine. The female was issued a citation for open container and released from the scene. The vehicle was picked up by the male's father.

### 5 SHOUTING SIGNS

**November 17 at 10:50 p.m.** Officer Smith was dispatched to the Bellamy Apartments in reference to a male and female having a verbal argument, according to Public Safety. Contact was made with the female, who appeared very upset and was leaving the apartment and left the area in her vehicle. Contact was then made with the male, who stated that they were done with their argument. Milledgeville Police Department also responded and MPD Officer Clay observed two street signs, some liquor bottles and a marijuana smoking device in plain sight. MPD arrested the male and transported him to MPD and charged him with Underage Possession of Alcohol. The signs and smoking device were confiscated.

### 3 HO, HO, NO!

**November 24 at 6:51 a.m.** A male reported that a decorative reindeer belonging to the city of Milledgeville that was located in front of the old courthouse had been stolen between 12 a.m. and 6:51 a.m., according to Public Safety. The case has been turned over to Investigations.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**1**  
Stolen reindeer

**2**  
Incidents involving marijuana (drugs or smoking devices)

**4**  
Citations for speeding

**10**  
Citations for improper parking

Information based upon a submission to The Colonnade by Public Safety.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Friday, December 3

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. WELLness: Fuel for Life, Popular Diets (Sodexo)  
7 p.m. First Friday Foreign Film: "Pathar Panchali" (Arts & Sciences Auditorium)  
7:30 p.m. Music Department Holiday Concert (Russell Auditorium)

### Saturday, December 4

1:30 p.m. Lady Bobcats vs. Lander (Centennial Center)  
3:30 p.m. Bobcat Basketball vs. Lander (Centennial Center)

### Monday, December 6

5:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Exams for 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. MW classes  
8:30 p.m. - 11:15 p.m. Exams for 8:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. MW classes  
10 p.m. CAB: Midnight Breakfast (Sodexo)

### Tuesday, December 7

8 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Exams for 9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. MWF and 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. F classes  
11 a.m. - 1:45 a.m. Exams for 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. MW and 10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. MWF classes  
2 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Exams for 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. MW, 3 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. MWF and 4 p.m. - 4:50 p.m. MWF classes  
5:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Exams for 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. TR classes  
8:30 p.m. - 11:15 p.m. Exams for 8:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. TR classes

### Wednesday, December 8

8 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Exams for 8 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. TR classes  
11 a.m. - 1:45 a.m. Exams for 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. TR classes  
2 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Exams for 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. TR classes  
8:30 p.m. - 11:15 p.m. Exams for 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. MW classes

### Thursday, December 9

8 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Exams for 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. TR classes  
11 a.m. - 1:45 a.m. Exams for 12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. TR classes  
2 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Exams for 2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. TR classes  
7 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. Exams for 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. TR classes

### Friday, December 10

8 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Exams for 8 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. MWF and 8 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. MW classes  
11 a.m. - 1:45 a.m. Exams for 11 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. MWF and 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. MW classes  
2 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Exams for 2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. MWF, 2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. MW, and 2 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. F classes  
6 p.m. Residence Halls Close for Winter Break  
7 p.m. The Nutcracker (Russel Auditorium)

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The Colonnade is taking a break for the December holidays, but we will be back soon.  
Our first issue of the Spring semester will hit the newstands on January 21.

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## New graduate program shaping up

*Kinesiology graduate program stretches to perform its best in its first year on GCSU's campus*

CHELSEA THOMAS  
SENIOR REPORTER

The Master of Arts in Teaching degree in Kinesiology or Physical Education was officially launched at GCSU in Summer 2010. Now completing their Fall semester and preparing for spring, the graduate students are moving into the third stage of their graduate degree.

Lisa M. Griffin, the program coordinator of the M.A.T. degree in Kinesiology or Physical Education, was brought to GCSU a few years ago to prep and lead the commencement of the new program.

“So far there has been a lot of interest and a lot of (students) are really excited about it,” Griffin said. “Classes are in place and we are finding out that most of our applicants are students applying to continue their education at GCSU.”

As of September 2010, the M.A.T. degree in Kinesiology or Physical Education has met all standards for the developmental review looking to gauge whether the program was up to par to certify teachers. The Department of Kinesiology hopes this initial certification program will be granted so that students can more easily acquire employment after graduation.

Currently, the program has eight graduate students and is looking to expand to 20 students next year. The application process requires that all candidates must already hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in a

related discipline such as Exercise Science, Health Promotion, Outdoor Education, Human Performance and Kinesiology itself. This is why many GCSU students graduating with one of these majors are interested in staying for another year to get a M.A.T. degree.

Kinesiology graduate student Justin Adeyemi, who holds a bachelor's degree in athletic training, emphasizes that the short time frame is what makes the program so attractive to many of the applicants.

“The fact that this program is completed within one academic year is very unique. It provides students with the opportunity to either build upon their undergraduate experience or begin studying a new field of interest,” Adeyemi said.

For students currently in the program Griffin emphasizes how intense it is fitting all of the work into a year and a half. She doesn't recommend her students hold any jobs outside of their daily teaching placements because it becomes too difficult.

Adeyemi is in the second stage of the program, which consists of teaching physical education in middle schools and high schools. He understands the time commitment and importance.

“My daily teaching schedule consist of teaching sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes,” Adeyemi said. “Students are discovering who they are and are developing an identity. With that said, the importance of health and physical education becomes more evident and



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Dr. Lisa Griffin, program coordinator of the M.A.T. degree in Kinesiology/Physical Education, spends time working with her students on how to instruct middle and high school students. The program currently holds eight students and is due to increase by 12 in the next year.

allows me the opportunity to help shape and mold students into well rounded and physically educated individuals.”

The graduate assistant to Griffin is Hollie Penland, who teaches at the GCSU Early College Program. Like Adeyemi, Penland finds the program rewarding.

“The Master of Arts in Teaching in physical education is by far a challenging program,” Penland said. “We student-teach during the day and have class at night... Although the program is in fact a challenging one, its benefits outweigh the challenges. I highly recommend this program and have

nothing but positive things to say about my experiences thus far.”

The mission of the program is to purposefully instruct graduate students on how to become successful physical education teachers.

“The draw is teaching the graduate students the art of teaching,” Griffin said.

## Macon masters service mission

*The Center for Graduate and Professional Learning continues to grow*

HILARY THOMPSON  
STAFF WRITER

In today's economy the job market has become extremely competitive and students are searching for ways to stand out to prospective employers. One of the main routes taken by GCSU students has been to get a more advanced degree. GCSU's Macon campus offers a wide variety of advanced degree programs at the Center for Graduate and Professional Learning, which opened in 2007 in the Thomas Jefferson Building in downtown Macon.

Doris Christopher, chief administrative officer for the Macon campus, is very passionate about this relatively new campus.

“One of the things that brings people to the center here, beside our wonderful GCSU reputation, that's first and foremost, is that our location is really good for working professionals,” Christopher said. “The location is very accessible for those that are in the workplace, but the programs, that's what (the students) are here for, to strengthen their own personal edu-

cational opportunities and experiences.”

The Macon campus may not boast Milledgeville's college town feel, but most of the students who attend the Center for Graduate and Professional Learning have already had the college experience.

“The difference is that we primarily serve those that are in the business, healthcare and education fields and also in criminal justice administration,” Christopher said. “(Macon graduate programs are) similar to the ones in Milledgeville, but they are focused to the people who are already in the workplace.”

All classes are twice a week and held at night to accommodate students who may be otherwise engaged during the day.

Some graduate students find themselves taking classes at the Milledgeville campus and the Macon campus at the same time. Graduate student Stephen Hamilton is one of these and he has enjoyed the experience.

“The classrooms (in Macon) are nice and it's a good facility,” Hamilton said. “Milledgeville is more like a campus, but the (Macon) classroom environment is fine.”

As for graduate student Jonathan McBryar, he is glad to be in Macon, but he has one main concern.

“The only thing I'd say is wrong with it is the drive,” McBryar said. “(My friends and I) try to carpool though.”

Many more students will find themselves making the forty-five minute drive from Milledgeville to Macon after graduation. Though it may be time consuming, the situation has been very well thought out.

“President Leland really wants to preserve what is going on with the liberal arts mission here at GCSU,” Christopher said. “In 2007, she literally made the decision to transfer most of the graduate programs so that the liberal arts could be maintained (in Milledgeville).”

Overall, GCSU's Macon campus has the students' best interest in mind and is expanding in morale and in numbers.

“We continue to reach out because our mission is that we're a masters university with a public service mission,” Christopher said. “We are about really emphasizing that we are here to serve our state and to strengthen our programs with well-educated professionals.”



EMILY MCCURLEY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

As an M.A.T. graduate student, Jessica Broadnax gets first hand experience for her field in local classrooms. She spends most of her time working in Baldwin and Jones country schools as well as the Georgia College Early College.

## Teacher-to-be teaches lessons

EMILY MCCURLEY  
STAFF REPORTER

In life some feel that personal knowledge is best used when shared with others. That is the mentality of the graduate major in education, which is one of the largest masters programs at GCSU. Master of Arts in Teaching student Jessica Broadnax entered into the intensive year-long program earlier this fall and will graduate in May certified to teach secondary math education.

Broadnax graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics last May and chose to remain on campus because of the healthy reputation GCSU's program has.

“The M.A.T. program here is renowned across the

state,” Broadnax said. “I had already built up my profession with a mentor and community of support in the city.”

While most M.A.T. programs occur over two years of separate field and classroom work, the teaching program is a one-year program where students both learn and practice aspects of becoming professional educators.

GCSU M.A.T. students research in school, while also going into schools throughout Baldwin, Jones and Putnam counties. The GCSU program places its M.A.T. students in environments that allow them to take on the mindset of an educator

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### Programs Offered at the GCSU Macon campus

#### College of Arts and Sciences:

- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Public Administration

#### College of Business:

- Master of Accountancy
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Management Information Systems

#### College of Health Sciences:

- Master of Science in Nursing: Nurse Educator
- Master of Science in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner
- Master of Science in Nursing: Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist

#### College of Education:

- Master of Arts in Teaching in Secondary Education
- Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education
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# Catering to pro-active intellectuals

*The campus Career Center connects with GCSU graduate students to keep them up-to-date on all the information that they are intending to master*

SCOTTY THOMPSON  
SENIOR REPORTER

Many GCSU students frequent the campus Career Center if they are in need of advice or assistance with job applications, resumes and applying to graduate school. While many graduate students may be taking classes off-campus and have different adjustments to make, the Career Center still offers the same services to its graduate students as it does its undergraduate students.

Director of the Career Center Mary Roberts said that the center tries to help make information as available as possible to graduate students.

“The graduate students are able to get the exact same services that the undergraduate students are,” Roberts said. “It’s a bit more of a challenge with communication because so many graduate students may either be taking classes off-campus or working full-time outside of class, and the lifestyles can be a lot different from a typical undergraduate student.”

To make things easier, graduate students are able to register with Career Connection, an online database that helps keep them up-to-date with vital information on resources and advice they can obtain through the Career Center.

“A lot of graduate students may not check their campus mail or their campus e-mail

on a regular basis, so getting access to the information could become tricky,” Roberts said. “But with Career Connection, they can get access to our newsletter that helps keep them up-to-date on the resources we offer.”

The process to applying to graduate school as opposed to regular undergraduate school differs and can be much more intensive. Roberts said the Career Center often gives advice to students applying for graduate school and how to best prepare themselves.

“There are so many different things you have to do when applying to graduate school. So on many occasions, we help out undergraduate students who are applying to graduate school get all their documents in order,” Roberts said. “We help them prepare for interviews, look over resumes and personal statements. Then we give them feedback on what they can improve on to better present themselves.”

The Career Center offers information about:

- internships
- career choices
- interview preparation
- graduate school applications
- creating a job search strategy
- creating resumes
- networking

Located at 232 Lanier Hall  
478-445-5384  
Mary Roberts, director  
Michelle Berg, internship coordinator

Amber Barnard graduated in Spring 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and is now currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching at the secondary level at GCSU. Even though she did not go through the Career Center to apply for graduate school, Barnard did seek advice about resumes from them and said the center is very helpful.

“The Career Center has a lot of resources printed out for students to refer to right as they walk through the door,” Barnard said. “I also know that all of the staff members involved are more than willing to help anyone out with any of their future career needs, whether it’s looking for an internship, grad school or job interviews.”

## Teacher

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while also relating and catering to the mind of a student.

“It means teaching the whole child and being an active part of the education community within the school you work in,” Broadnax said.

Another advantage to GCSU’s M.A.T. program is the variety of educational environments students are exposed to.

Broadnax has worked in the Georgia College Early College, Baldwin County schools and Jones County schools, which are all very different from each other. By the end of this semester Broadnax will have already spent 900 hours in the classroom.

A third advantage that the GCSU M.A.T. program offers is realistic preparation for job hunting.

“(The program) prepares you to be a teacher and get a job,” Broadnax said. “We have mock interviews with principals, are trained on what to look at when searching for a job and how to create standards for what we want in a school.”

Broadnax will submit a Georgia Systemic Teacher Education Program (GSTEP) portfolio in April, which showcases narratives, articles, pictures and lesson plans. This portfolio will fulfill the final requirement of the M.A.T. program.

After graduation, Broadnax desires to get a job teaching high school math and wants to remain active in the education community.

At a Glance: Graduate Programs

In the recent years, research shows that enrollment in master’s programs have gone up dramatically. Since the 1980s, enrollment in graduate school has increased by 50 percent. Here are some more facts about furthering education:

- The median wage a graduate student will make in a year is \$13,000 higher than someone with an undergraduate degree.
- There has been a two percent increase in graduate school enrollment every year for the past ten years.

- Currently, 59 percent of graduate students are women.
- In 2008, 6 percent of students in master’s programs were Hispanic.
- By 2018, the number of jobs requiring graduate degrees will increase by 18 percent.
- The European Union educated nearly 40 percent of the world’s graduate students.

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Women’s basketball now 5-0

Bobcats remain unbeaten, now receiving votes in USA Today Top-25 poll

SCOTTY THOMPSON  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU women’s basketball team has roared out to a 5-0 start, the latest two victories coming in last weekend’s Chick-Fil-A Thanksgiving Classic hosted by North Georgia.

The Bobcats defeated St. Augustine’s College 67-58 Nov. 27, powered by double-figure scoring efforts from three players. Senior forward Dominique Huffin and senior guard Chimere Jordan had 17 points each, while junior point guard Karisma Boykin chipped in with 15 points. Freshman forward Abby Slocumb added eight points to go along with a career-high eight rebounds.

On Nov. 26, the Bobcats emerged victorious over Trevecca Nazarene, 66-55. Jordan continued her offensive prowess with 18 points and 10 rebounds, posting her first double-double of the season. Huffin and freshman forward Krysta Lewis each tallied nine points, with Boykin adding eight and Slocumb scoring six.

Sophomore guard Kaila Parham added a career-high four points in the win.

On Nov. 23, the Bobcats escaped an upset in a home match-up at the Centennial Center with West Georgia. After Thomassian Wyatt hit a three-pointer to put the Wolves up 41-27 with 9:53 left, the outcome looked bleak at best for the Bobcats. But after making adjustments, the Bobcats went on a 15-0 run the rest of the game to come away with a thrilling 42-41 victory.

“Somehow we were able to overcome and come out on top,” Head Coach Maurice Smith said after the win. “You have to tip your hat to West Georgia; they gave us all we could handle and then some. We just had to keep fighting. It just goes to show the game is never over until it’s over.”

West Georgia opened the game on a 9-0 run over the first seven minutes before Huffin’s three-pointer finally put the Bobcats on the board at 9-3. GCSU closed the gap



Junior forward Tammeisha Law goes up for a shot Nov. 23 against West Georgia. The Bobcats rallied from a 14-point second half deficit to win 42-41.

DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

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BREAKING  
THE  
Rule



CALEB RULE  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Do all good things have to come to an end? I wonder. Sure, seasons come and go, but each sport comes back in full force the next year (or three months if your’e the NBA) offering us new stories and new outcomes.

But I can’t help but wonder after reading a warning from Gregg Easterbrook, better known as the Tuesday Morning Quarterback on ESPN.com. He says there’s no law that says the National Football League has to be the most popular in America. He’s right, you know.

We’ve heard all about the new 18-game schedule the NFL is looking to implement; the players are countering with a proposal to have two bye weeks and a shorter preseason. How much will fans put up with?

There’s expansion everywhere: College basketball now lets 68 teams into its final postseason tournament. The NBA goes nine months out of the year with a three month marathon playoff run. A baseball season still plays 162 games, and NASCAR races still go 400-500 miles at a time. How long until there’s fan rebellion?

TV ratings haven’t dipped at all for sports; a Nielsen report from 2008 shows that sports programming was the most popular for that year. So why am I afraid that sports is getting too big for itself? Two reasons: Cross-competition and the “it doesn’t matter” effect.

It’s no secret that sports compete with one another for viewers. The NBA playoffs battle with baseball’s season beginning, football goes head to head with the NBA’s season tip-off, and there’s plenty more.

Despite new technology that allows us to watch four games at once or “control your own television” I can only really watch one game at a time, with maybe some flipping back and forth between games that interest me on commercials.

The more each sport offers, the more competition between the professional (and collegiate!) sports. There’s also college football’s marketing campaign of “every game counts.” A twelve game regular season ensures that one misstep will have big consequences, to be sure. Contrast this to 162 games in baseball, 400 miles in a NASCAR season that’s over thirty races long, and an NBA season loaded with 82 games per team.

I hear all the time from friends that they care much less about baseball (and fantasy baseball, dadgumit) because it’s so long. So here’s a basic chemistry lesson, NFL: Dilute your product, and it’s less potent per serving.

In other words, having 18 games is less important than 16. Plus, with double-bye weeks, won’t that mean we have less to watch on Sundays (and very likely less important matchups?). It sounds like greed is running too much of the show. How long until fans tire of it?

Sellers collects 500th coaching victory

SAM HUNT  
SENIOR REPORTER

On Nov. 27, the GCSU basketball team was on the road to Montevallo, Al. to compete in the UM Coca-Cola Classic tournament and defeated North Alabama in a nail-biting game by a single point, 67-66.

The victory marked as head coach Terry Sellers’ 500th win in his overall career coaching basketball.

When the game started, in the first few minutes both teams appeared to be evenly matched. However, as the half progressed, the Bobcats began to increase their point margin over the Lions.

The Bobcats gained their first lead above 10 points over North Alabama when junior forward Ryan Aquino sank a jumper with 12:56 remaining in the half to set the score at 16-5 in favor of GCSU.

GCSU continued to spread the point gap for the remainder of the half and when three seconds remained in the half, junior forward Jared Holmes made a jumper and gave the Bobcats a 40-19 lead.

When both teams stepped onto the court for the second half, North Alabama stepped up their efforts and scored 24 points in a row on the Bobcats and took their first lead of the

game with the score of 41-40 with 13:39 remaining.

Once the Lions took the lead, they remained in control of the game until 2:59 when a jumper by Holmes gave back GCSU control of the game.

From there, the Bobcats managed to maintain the lead over North Alabama for the remainder of the game and even though two foul shot made by the Lions with one second remaining in the game, they were unable to take back the lead and the Bobcats earned a close 67-66 victory.

“I’ve been very blessed to coach here at Georgia College for my 18th season. I’m very thankful for the opportunities that I’ve got to come here to coach and to be able to stay here as long as I have I’m very appreciative,” Sellers said. “This just means that I’ve coached for a long time, I’ve had good enough players that have been able to win those games. Coaches don’t ever win games, players win the games. I’ve been very blessed.”

On Nov. 19, the Bobcats earned their second victory of the season when they faced Carson-Newman in Greenville, Tenn.

At the start of the first half, GCSU was quick to seize the lead and take control over



FILE PHOTO

Sellers celebrates a win last year with his granddaughter.

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Numbers

500

Number of wins by Sellers during his 26-year career.

302

Number of wins by Sellers in 17-plus years as the Bobcats head coach

6

NCAA Tournament appearances by the Bobcats under Coach Sellers

4

Number of PBC titles the Bobcats have won under Sellers, the latest in 2006

Bobcat fishermen win first major tournament

EMILY MCCURLEY  
STAFF REPORTER

With many last minute choices, the GCSU Bass Fishing team finished first place on Nov. 19 and Nov. 20 at the 2010 Auburn University Fall Classic at Lake Logan-Martin in Pell City, Ala.

The duo which scored the first major tournament win for GCSU was senior business management major and President of the GCSU Bass Fishing team Walker Smith and sophomore pre-engineering major Grant Kelly. In the end, they trumped competitors with a total of 26.74 pounds.

“It is an awesome feeling to know that we beat such tough competition,” Kelly said. “But I give all

the credit to the Lord for giving us patience and good decision making.”

The first good decision was made by Smith and Kelly when they packed up and hit the road for Alabama at 2 a.m. Thursday morning. They rolled in for a few hours of practice before the two-day competition.

“We both wanted to deer hunt the weekend of the tournament,” Smith said. “We got to talking and decided that we should just go and give it a try. Last year, my

“We really have an awesome group of people this year. We all get along great and help one another when in need both on and off the water.”

Grant Kelly,  
sophomore angler

partner Matt Henry and I earned a top ten finish in the same event, so Grant and I felt confident that we could do well at the tournament.”

During practice, Smith and Kelly found an area with cooler water temperatures and chose to post themselves there during the competition. The spot proved to be successful as Kelly caught a 4.8 pound large-mouth bass almost immediately after they began fishing.

After maintaining their position throughout the first day, the pair led with a total of 14.55 pounds.


The second day began with disappointment as the weight they held was about four pounds. By 12:30 p.m. the anglers sat down and began discussing what their next move would be.

“We were forced to make the huge decision to leave our area and move to the river to catch some big spotted bass flipping,” Smith said. “We both have grown up doing that, so we were still confident.”

“I remained calm and knew that if the Lord wanted us to win, then we would find a way,” Kelly said. “We

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Upcoming Games

**Women’s Basketball:**  
Dec. 4 1:30 p.m. Lander  
Dec. 16 5:30 p.m. Winston-Salem

**Men’s Basketball:**  
Dec. 4 3:30 p.m. Lander  
Dec. 30 5 p.m. Barton

Quote of the Week

“I think its going to be tough. But I’m there to win a basketball game, and I understand how passionate fans are about sports. So I’m ready for whatever response I’m going to get.”  
—Miami Heat forward LeBron James on traveling to play his former team, The Cavaliers in Cleveland. (ESPN)

Notable Stat

**100.6**

Number of points the Miami Heat is averaging per game this season. With a record of 10-8, the Heat is third in the South-east division.



# Cross Country teams place ninth at regionals

SCOTTY THOMPSON  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU cross country teams wrapped up their 2010 campaigns as both teams raced to ninth place finishes at the NCAA Southeast Regional Championships held Nov. 20 in Charlotte, N.C.

The men’s team placed ninth out of 25 teams overall with five of their seven runners placing in the top 60 individually. As he has all year, junior Daniel Horseman led the way for the Bobcats, finishing 25th in the 10K race with a time of 32:51; that time was enough to easily best the previous school record by a full minute. Junior Tyler Mattix

came in next for GCSU with a time of 33:46, placing him 45th.

Freshman Philip Laskey ran the race in 34:00 to place 50th. Meanwhile, juniors Colin Conroy and Rob Manning came in right behind each other as they placed 56th and 57th respectively with times of 34:10 and 34:11.

The Bobcats finished with 228 overall points for the ninth place mark, third among PBC schools. Host Queens University came away the winner with 36 overall points. Columbus State’s Meshack Koylaki was the individual winner with a time of 29:45.

The season proved to be a successful one for the men, as they finished in the top three

in each of their first six races. In addition, Horseman set new school records in both the 8K and the 10K. Horseman’s strong season earned him a spot on the All-PBC team, the seventh men’s runner to do so in school history.

In the women’s portion, the Bobcats also took ninth out of 28 teams, while placing four of their six runners in the top 80 individually.

Much like Horseman for the men’s team, freshman Allison Lones continued to pace the women as she ran the 6K race in 24:00, breaking the school record and finishing 33rd. Junior Karissa Ekstrom finished right behind Lones at 35th with a 24:03 mark.

Senior Dani Destiche ran the course in 24:18 for a 41st place finish, while freshman Andrea Byrnes crossed the finish line in 25:19 for a 71st place mark. Freshman Ashton Passino placed 91st with a time of 25:43.

Overall, the Bobcats had 276 points, ninth overall and fifth among PBC schools. Queens took the victory, finishing with 40 points, while Lenoir Rhyne’s Kate Griewisch won the individual title, finishing in 20:55.

Like the men, the women placed in the top three in each of their first six races, and Lones set school records in both the 5K and 6K races. She also became the fifth women’s runner to make the All-PBC team in school history.

# Softball, basketball teams volunteer in community

CARA DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU softball team volunteered earlier this week with the Salvation Army for the holiday season. The student athletes took shifts ringing the Salvation Army bell outside of the Wal-mart on North Columbia Street in Milledgeville on Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Salvation Army collects money to help feed the poor during the holidays. The GCSU softball team has been happy to help collect donations this holiday season.

“This benefits the community and Georgia College by providing an opportunity for Georgia College student athletes to contribute in helping those less fortunate in our community and surrounding counties,” Head Softball Coach Ja-

mie Madewell-Grodecki said. “We contacted the Salvation Army and asked how we could help during the holidays.”

“We are honored to have the opportunity to raise money to help those whom are less fortunate during the holiday season,” Madewell-Grodecki said. “This time of year is about sharing and giving, and hopefully this small effort will make a difference for those who really need it.”

The GCSU basketball and women’s basketball coach Maurice Smith partnered with the Early Learning Center pre-kindergarten staff to host a field trip as another way to volunteer in the community. The trip took place on Nov. 5 at the GCSU Centennial Center.

The preschoolers got the opportunity to play games with members of both the men’s and women’s bas-

ketball teams. They played games like “chase the bobcat” which is similar to duck, duck, goose, and shoe mountain where they placed their shoes in the middle of a circle and had to complete a task before running to find them.

The preschoolers also got to watch as senior Josh Hurst put on a show with high-flying dunk theatrics.

“This was a great chance for the kids to meet some of the basketball athletes here at Georgia College,” Smith said. “This was good to get the youngsters involved in our basketball programs. It was really all about fun for these kids. It also served as a great role model program because the youngsters look up to our players, and our players can realize how fortunate they are to have young children in the community that look up to them.”



CARA DAVIS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Bobcat softball players accept donations to the Salvation Army Nov. 29.

## Men’s Hoops

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the game. When 7:22 remained, the Bobcats earned their first 10 point lead over the Eagles when a tip-in by senior forward Josh Hurst set the score at 19-9.

The Bobcats did not let up when the second half began and continued to dominate and increase their lead over Carson-Newman.

GCSU took their first lead above 30 points when sophomore guard Nate Hamilton made a steal and then drained a three-pointer with 9:09 left in the game to give the Bobcats a 49-17 lead. As the clock began to run out, the Bobcats succeeded at keeping the Eagles at a distance and the game ended in a GCSU victory with the final score at 60-30.

The victory as Carson-Newman marked as Sellers’ 300th win at GCSU.

On Nov. 20, the Bobcats had their first loss of the season in a heartbreaking 60-57 defeat by Tusculum in the Tusculum Classic in Tenn. The Bobcats had their second loss of the season on Nov. 23 at the Tusculum Tournament when they were defeated by Anderson University.

“The two losses basically came down to not getting stops, especially in the Anderson game where I think the whole second half were just trading baskets back and forth,” Holmes said. “The main thing is that we have to make key stops to win key games.”

On Nov. 26, GCSU was able to put their two losses behind and defeated West Florida at Montevallo, Al.

## Hockey drops four matches

SAM HUNT  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU club hockey team suffered four tough defeats when it competed in the Ft. Myers tournament in Florida on Nov. 13-14.

The final team the Bobcats faced in the Ft. Myers tournament was Kennesaw State University on Nov. 14.

When the game started, the Bobcats were first to seize the lead over the Owls when freshman forward Andrew Smith scored an unassisted goal just 1:06 into the first period.

Less than two minutes later, Kennesaw tied the score on a Keith Lawson unassisted goal.

Kennesaw then took control of the game when in less than five minutes after their first goal, they scored three more goals to put the score at 4-1.

GCSU attempted to decrease the goal margin when freshman defenseman Matt Shrum scored a goal with an assist from freshman forward Sam Lisicia to set the final score of the first period at 4-2 with the Bobcats trailing.

In the third period, Kennesaw continued to spread the score gap when they scored three goals in less than two minutes to set the final score at 10-3.

“It was a really upsetting game to play because the last time we played them we beat them and this time they won in kind of a blowout. To play so well against them the first time and to have such a poor performance the second time was really disappointing,” senior forward Jeff Brittain said. “Hopefully we’ll have another opportunity to beat them again. This was not what we wanted to end on for the weekend.”

The first match the Bobcats played in the Ft. Myers tournament was on Nov. 13 against the University of Florida.

The Gators quickly took control of the game when at 1:12 into the first period they used the power play technique to score the first goal against the Bobcats.

Florida continued to increase their lead when they scored three more goals in the period to go up 4-0.

Florida came out strong against the Bobcats in the second period when they scored less than 30 seconds into the period.

At 3:05, the Gators placed another goal into the Bobcat net and set the final second period score at 6-0 in their favor against GCSU.

By use of the power play, GCSU was able to eliminate the Gators chance of a shutout when Smith scored an unassisted

goal at 11:19 to set the final score at 7-1.

Four hours after their game against Florida, GCSU faced the University of South Florida in their third game of the tournament.

In the first period, the Bulls took control over the game when they secured a 2-0 lead against the Bobcats.

When the third period began, the Bulls scored at 43 seconds in to take a 5-1 lead. Determined to keep fighting, the Bobcats began to turn the game around when Brittain scored an unassisted goal at 1:37 to cut it down to 5-2.

GCSU made a strong comeback when Smith, with assists from Lisicia, scored two goals in less than 20 seconds of each other to put the Bobcats trailing by one at 5-4.

When 9:51 had passed, the Bobcats tied the game when Lisicia, assisted by Smith, sent the puck into the Bulls’ net to tie it at 5-5.

When 10:43 had passed, South Florida scored an unassisted goal against the Bobcats to set the final score at 6-5.

“It was the most fun game all weekend. They had a short bench just like we did, so as far as matching goes we were on the same level and had the same fatigue,” Brittain said. “We gave it our best and came back hard but it was a few costly mistakes towards the end of the game that kind of lost it for us. It was no individual teammate’s mistake; we just collectively fell apart.”

Later that day, the Bobcats suffered a tough loss against the Florida Gulf Coast University, 10-1.

The single Bobcat goal was from Brittain with an assist from Cantrell eight minutes into the second period.

“I agree with the phrase, you learn more from losing than winning, but it’s more fun to win,” Brittain said. “Considering our short bench and the amount of travel we couldn’t get down on ourselves too much. It was not a great note to end on this semester, but the team is hopeful towards next semester. We’ve put this semester behind us and we’re looking to improve on next semester.

Although the hockey season is not over, the Ft. Myers tournament concludes the tournaments that GCSU will have for the fall semester.

The Bobcats will be back in action Jan. 29.

“We’ll be in Snellville for the first tournament of next semester,” Brittain said. “We’ll come back when school resumes next semester and have some hard practices, warm up our new goalie and work on improving our record.”

## Fishing

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made multiple changes within the last hour of fishing until we stumbled on the right pattern to catch fish, and from there, they seemingly jumped in the boat as we put 12.19 pounds of fish in the boat within the last 45 minutes.”

At 2 p.m. the competition ended and the team joined four other GCSU teams along with 65 other teams representing 18 schools for the final weigh in. Smith and Kelly were among the first to weigh their fish and found they had caught 12.19 pounds.

They nervously sat through the rest of the results knowing they had a great chance of clutching first but had tough competition breathing down their necks. After the final weigh-in was made, Smith and Kelly stood in first with 26.74 pounds and notably senior marketing major Zach Olson and senior criminal justice-political science major and vice president of the team Josh Futch claimed sixth place with 21.90 pounds.

Although the tournament does not put a dent in the team’s overall points, it does gain more recognition and respect for the Bobcat anglers.

“This is important for the GCSU Bass Fishing team because we were fishing against some of the most talented anglers in the country,” Smith said. “I know that several of our competitors are either already professional or are planning on turning professional in the next year.”

Competitors included Auburn University, the University of Alabama, the University of Georgia and Bethel University.

“I can’t say enough about all the support all the other members having given,” Kelly said. “Without them, our team would not be nearly as successful. We really have an awesome group of people this year. We all get along great and help one another when in need both on and off the water.”

The next competition for the team is Dec. 27 through Dec. 29 at Lay Lake in Birmingham, Ala.

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“They did a great job of pressing us and forcing us to make bad decisions on the offensive side of the ball,” Smith said. “We just were not able to hit the open shots all night long for the most part.”

The Wolves started out the second half with another 9-0 run to stretch their lead to 32-20. After falling 41-27, the Bobcats began to slowly and steadily claw back. Slocumb hit back to back shots to cut the lead to 41-31 with seven minutes remaining. After Jordan came back to back trips to the free throw line, sinking all four shots, the deficit had been cut to 41-35 with less than four minutes left.

Jordan followed with a two-point

jumper, and after a Bobcat steal, Boykin drained a three-pointer as the Bobcats pulled to within one at 41-40 with 48.8 seconds left in the contest. With 27 seconds left, junior forward Tammeisha Law stole the ball and was fouled on the breakaway. Law knocked down both free throws giving the Bobcats their first lead of the game at 42-41, a lead they would not relinquish.

“We made some huge adjustments defensively after we got down big there,” Smith said. “We had to put more full court pressure on them, and we were able to create some turnovers, and we hit some shots when we needed to and just kept fighting and got the win.”

The Bobcats return to action Dec. 4, when they host No. 3 Lander in their PBC opener. Tip-off is set for 1:30 p.m.





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